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THE PRIME MINISTER

24 December 1983

Dear Mr. Kilfedder,

I am writing to thank you for your courtesy in receiving me on my visit to Northern Ireland. As always I found the visit enormously encouraging. The warmth of the welcome from the people whom I met in the streets of Newtownards, and the professionalism of the security forces who work to sustain peace and order, are a beacon of hope. The purpose of my visit was to try to express the Government's support for them and for all who work for peace and reconciliation in the Province.

I send you my best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Yours sincerely

Raymond Barber

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