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THE PRIME MINISTER

24 December 1983

Vear Chief Superitendert Donde.

I was delighted to be able to visit the Royal Ulster Constabulary station in Newtownards during my visit to Northern Ireland, and I am very grateful to you for receiving me so hospitably. It was a particular pleasure to meet so many of the officers of the station and their wives. As always, I was impressed and encouraged by the professionalism and devotion of the Royal Ulster Constabulary in the work you do to uphold the law and protect the people of Northern Ireland, the vast majority of whom want to lead their lives in peace and harmony.

I am especially grateful to you for presenting to me the book "Arresting Memories" which I will value as a reminder of the distinguished history of the RUC. To you and all who work at the Newtownards station, and your families, I send my best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

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