



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

6 February 1986

Dear Mr President:

I have been outraged to read of the recent spate of terrorist bombings in Paris over the past few days. I wanted to let you know that we in Britain share your concern at the appalling threat to innocent lives from such violence and admire the skill with which your people averted what might have been a terrible tragedy at the Eiffel Tower. Such events can only reinforce our determination to work with you to improve our defences against terrorists of whatever kind and to use every legitimate means to curb their activities.

*Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher*

His Excellency Monsieur Francois Mitterrand



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From the Private Secretary

6 February 1986

I enclose a message from the Prime Minister to President Mitterrand. I should be grateful if it could be despatched as soon as possible.

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5 February 1986

Dear Charles,

You will be aware of the recent spate of terrorist incidents in Paris. It is not yet clear who was responsible for them but they will certainly be causing a great deal of concern to President Mitterrand and the French Government. In the circumstances, a message of sympathetic concern and solidarity would certainly be well received in Paris. I enclose a draft message in case the Prime Minister decides she would like to send one.

Yours ever,

Colin Budd

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President Mitterrand

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