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THE PRIME MINISTER

10 September 1986

Dear Prime Minister,

I was horrified to hear of yesterday's bomb attack on the Hotel de Ville in Paris, and the tragic death of a woman in the post office where the bomb exploded. Following other recent incidents in Paris and elsewhere, the attack is a chilling reminder of how pervasive and destructive terrorism threatens to become. I assure you again of our readiness to co-operate in any way you consider helpful in combating it.

The incident must also have come as a personal shock to you and your family, and I send you my sympathy.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

Monsieur Jacques Chirac

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

9 September 1986

Dear Charles

You will already be aware of yesterday's bomb attack against the Hotel de Ville in Paris, in which one person was killed and 18 were injured. Since we share with the French an interest in stamping out such terrorist attacks, it might be appropriate to send a message of sympathy and support to the French Government. And since the attack touches M. Chirac personally (not only is he still Mayor of Paris, he has continued to live in the Hotel de Ville even since becoming Prime Minister), the Prime Minister / might wish to write to M. Chirac herself.

Yours ever

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M. Jacques Chirac

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CAVEAT.....

I was horrified to hear of yesterday's bomb attack on the Hotel de Ville in Paris, and the tragic death of a woman in the post office where the bomb exploded.

Following other recent incidents in Paris, this attack gives a chilling reminder of how pervasive and destructive and evil terrorism is. I welcomed your robust expressions of determination to combat the evil, and I take this opportunity to assure you again of our readiness to cooperate in any way you might consider helpful. The incident must also have come as a personal shock to you and your family, and I send you my warmest sympathy.

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