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THE PRIME MINISTER

25 February 1989

Dear Brian,

Thank you for your letter of 3 February. The training programme being drawn up by your Security Intelligence Service for the Garda Siochana will be an important reinforcement in the fight against terrorism in Ireland. I greatly appreciate your assistance in this. As I said in my letter of 19 October, effective international co-operation is essential to the interception and disruption of IRA activities, and it is very heartening to have your support.

I look forward to our meeting in March when we can perhaps discuss this further.

Yours sincerely

Raymond

The Right Honourable Brian Mulroney M.P.

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24 February 1989*Dear Charles,***NORTHERN IRELAND/CANADA**

Thank you for your letter of 14 February enclosing one from the Canadian Prime Minister about the provision of counter terrorist training to the Garda. *Rap*

This letter of course follows on from previous correspondence arising out of the Prime Minister's meeting with Mr Mulroney in Ottawa last year. You will recall that Mr Mulroney offered in his first letter support and assistance to the Government in bringing greater stability to Northern Ireland. The Prime Minister's reply of 19 October mentioned, among other things, the provision of Canadian support to the Irish authorities particularly in the field of counter terrorist training. Mr Mulroney confirmed in his letter of 16 December that he had initiated an examination of how such assistance could be provided.

Mr Mulroney's most recent letter reports that links have now been established between the Canadian Security Intelligence Service and the Garda Siochana with a view to drawing up a specifically tailored training programme. It is therefore appropriate for the Prime Minister to acknowledge this progress and I attach a short draft reply for this purpose.

Colleagues in the Foreign Office, Home Office and MOD have been consulted.

Yours, etc.

Stephen Leach

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The Rt Hon Brian Mulroney MP		

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Thank you for your letter of 3 February. ~~I am sure that~~ ^{the} training programme being drawn up by your Security Intelligence Service for the Garda Siochana will ~~prove of great value~~ ^{be will be an important support reinforcement} in the fight against terrorism in Ireland. I greatly appreciate your assistance in this. As I said in my letter of 19 October, effective international cooperation is essential to the interception and disruption of IRA activities, and it is very heartening to have your support. ~~I do think that a vital part of such cooperation is the willingness to share the individual expertise we may have gained in our different countries in dealing with the insidious tide of terrorist activity.~~

I look forward to our meeting in March when we can perhaps discuss this further.

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