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THE PRIME MINISTER

2 June 1981

Dear General Lawson,

I was most grateful for all that you personally, as well as your staff, did on Thursday to ensure that my visit to Belfast was interesting and worthwhile - as it was.

I was delighted to find morale among your men so high. The successes achieved by the Security Forces immediately before and during my visit were both gratifying and encouraging. I am confident that there will be many more.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

Lieutenant General Sir Richard Lawson, K.C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E.

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