



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

24 December 1983

Dear Sir John,

Following my visit to Northern Ireland, I am writing to say how encouraged and impressed I was, as always, by the professionalism and morale of the Royal Ulster Constabulary. The purpose of my visit was to try to express the Government's support for their work and that of the other security forces in the just cause of protecting the people of Northern Ireland and enabling them to lead their lives in conditions of security and order.

Please will you pass on my warm thanks to your many Officers who were concerned in making such excellent arrangements for my visit. To you and to them, and to all the members of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, I send my best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

Sir John Hermon, O.B.E.