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Oifig an Taoisigh
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12 September 1988

Sir Kenneth Bloomfield KCB
Head of Northern Ireland Civil Service
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Dear Sir Kenneth

I am writing to tell you how shocked and horrified I was at the news of the attack this morning on you, and your wife, son, and home. I would like to convey my deepest sympathy, and that of the Irish Government, and my hope of a full and speedy recovery for all of you.

It goes without saying that we here find the attack on a public servant of your integrity, compassion and understanding, as incomprehensible as it is contemptible. I am particularly glad to hear of your intention to return soon to your post and, once again, give the community the dedication and service which we who know you have so long admired.

Yours sincerely

Taoiseach

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