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THE PRIME MINISTER

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*Dear Sir Kenneth,*

I was absolutely horrified when I heard early this morning at Balmoral of the bomb attack on your house. It must have been a most terrifying experience for you all, quite apart from the damage. Thank goodness you are all safe. Please give my sympathy to your wife and family for what they have endured.

May I also say how very much I admire the statement which you have issued. It is very courageous and I am sure will help to steady the Northern Ireland Civil Service, who do such remarkable service for the community.

While I know you will want it to be business as usual, I hope that you will find a way to take a few days off at least.

With best wishes,

*Yours sincerely*

*Margaret Thatcher*

Sir Kenneth Bloomfield, K.C.B.