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OCTOBER 12, 1984

JOHN POINDEXTER

OLLIE HAS SUGGESTED SOME ADDITIONS TO THE THATCHER MESSAGE, WHICH MAKE SPECIFIC POINTS ABOUT COOPERATION IN COMBATTING TERRORISM. I THINK THE SUGGESTIONS ARE GOOD AND RECOMMEND THAT YOU INSERT THE ATTACHED REVISED VERSION AT TAB A OF THE THATCHER PACKAGE.

PETER SOMMER

CC: OLLIE NORTH

NOTE FROM ROSIE

JMP:

RCM APPROVED THE ATTACHED. THIS NOTE READS: "GO AHEAD AND SEND IT TO THATCHER VIA CABO WITH COPY TO CASEY AND WEBSTER." THE SITUATION ROOM IS TRANSMITTING AS YOU ARE RECEIVING THIS.

BEGIN TEXT OF MESSAGE SENT TO THATCHER:

OCTOBER 12, 1984

DEAR MARGARET,

WORD OF THE BRIGHTON ATTACK REACHED ME LATE LAST NIGHT, FOLLOWED IMMEDIATELY BY THE MOST WELCOME NEWS THAT YOU WERE UNHARMED. NOW I HAVE BEEN TOLD OF DEATHS AND INJURIES, AND PARTICULARLY OF THE GRIEVOUS WOUNDS TO YOUR COLLEAGUES, NORMAN TEBBIT AND JOHN WAKEHAM.

AS WE RECOGNIZED IN LONDON DURING THE SUMMIT, TERRORIST VIOLENCE IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY INDISCRIMINATE AND BRUTAL. BECAUSE ACTS SUCH AS THE ONE LAST NIGHT ARE A GROWING THREAT TO ALL DEMOCRACIES, WE MUST WORK TOGETHER TO THWART THIS SCOURGE AGAINST HUMANITY. IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP, I HAVE DIRECTED THAT MY EXPERTS BE AVAILABLE TO WORK WITH YOURS TO ASSIST IN BRINGING THE PERPETRATORS

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TO JUSTICE. IF YOU WISH, WE CAN HAVE OUR EXPERTS DISCUSS FURTHER

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COOPERATIVE MEASURES WHEN THEY CONVENE NEXT MONTH IN LONDON.

MEANWHILE, PLEASE KNOW THAT THE THOUGHTS AND SYMPATHY OF ALL AMERICANS ARE WITH YOU AND WITH THE FAMILIES OF THOSE STRUCK DOWN BY THIS BARBAROUS ACT.

WARM REGARDS.

SINCERELY,

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO: Prime Minister Thatcher

DATE: October 12, 1984

RECOMMENDED BY: Robert C. McFarlane

PURPOSE: To deplore the Brighton bomb attack.

BACKGROUND: It would be a nice gesture to complement your personal message to Mrs. Thatcher with a phone call.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

1. I have sent you a message about the cowardly bomb attack, but wanted as well to tell you personally how much we deplore this horrible attack.
2. Am especially happy that you were not personally injured. Please extend my wishes for a speedy recovery to those injured.
3. This deplorable act again demonstrates that we must do all we can to stop terrorism. A dedicated terrorist will always have some success, but we must make their task difficult.
4. On a separate manner. I received your letter on the Gromyko meeting and share your hope that it will mark the beginning of a new phase in our efforts to engage the Soviets in constructive dialogue.

Date of Submission:

Action

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