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Mr Michael Lillis
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Dear Michael,

We have just received the following message from the Prime Minister, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, to the Taoiseach:

"Thank you for arranging for Mr Dorr to give me the excellent news of Mr Don Tidey's rescue by your security forces. I am very glad that the persistence, energy and dedication shown by the Garda and the Irish Army during the search for Mr Tidey have been rewarded. I understand that great gallantry was displayed by those who released Mr Tidey. I offer my congratulations to all concerned. At the same time I am deeply saddened to hear that two members of the Irish security forces have been killed and others injured in the course of the operation. I should like to convey my deepest sympathy through you to the families and colleagues of those killed. I send to the injured my best wishes for their early recovery."

I should be grateful if you could pass the message to Dr FitzGerald as soon as convenient.

Yours sincerely,

David Tatham.

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