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THE PRIME MINISTER

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*Dear Nigel,*

I was dismayed and horrified to hear of the terrorist attack on you this evening. I am only thankful that you and those with you escaped serious injury: please give my sympathies to your bodyguard.

That anyone could try to mount an attack in a children's hospital seems almost beyond belief. But it shows once again what we are up against.

I do hope that you and your family will be able nonetheless to enjoy your Christmas together, though I can imagine what a shock this evening's events must have been.

With all best wishes,

*Yours Sincerely,  
John Major*

Nigel Dodds, Esq.