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Dear Mr Parkes,

The Home Secretary has received a letter from you on the subject of the Reading bomb that was dealt with by members of 33 Engineer Regiment (EOD) on the 21 October 1999, and on his behalf I would like to thank you for such a heartfelt letter. I will ensure that your remarks are passed on and also that my soldiers are aware that their actions were regarded so highly.

The operation, as I am sure you are aware, was concluded in an excellent timeframe and with complete success. It was also most exciting for us to be able to deploy the Blast Protection Structure for the first time. We look forward to using it again in the near future.

Once again very many thanks for your kind correspondence.

*Yours ever
Gibbs*