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*Dear Lynne*

## ROYAL WEDDING

I am writing to you to congratulate you and your officers on the successful policing and security operation for the wedding of HRH the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge.

This was a historic day of national celebration and the policing and security was critical to its success. Billions of people around the world will have watched the Royal Wedding. As we know, as many as one million people came to London to take part in, and view the celebrations. I fully appreciate the enormous logistical challenge this will have presented. I know that many hours of hard work and planning will have been spent over the last few months by you and your officers to ensure all aspects were carried off successfully. Clearly the policing plan worked well, and is a testament to the professionalism and experience of the Metropolitan Police.

I was grateful to you and Commander Broadhurst for the comprehensive briefings with which you provided me in advance of the event itself. I found my visit to the police command centre at Lambeth very valuable too.

I would like to thank you for your personal contribution and your dedication to ensuring that the Royal Wedding was a huge success and a day of national celebration. I hope that you and your officers will now look back on the Royal Wedding as a source of great pride and achievement.

*With best wishes*

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