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*Dear Sir Paul*

### 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. The policing plan clearly worked well, with the vast majority of people experiencing an enjoyable and memorable day – thanks to the smooth way the Metropolitan Police were able to orchestrate both crowd movements and the logistical arrangements along the route. The wedding was watched by billions of people around the world. The way in which the police were able to move the vast crowd effortlessly down the Mall will have demonstrated the excellence of British policing to all.

I know that the planning and management of the day involved many people and many weeks of hard work and effort. Many police officers spent a long day in London either policing the ceremonial route or playing a crucial role in protecting Londoners elsewhere. I would like to express my appreciation for their commitment which did so much to make the day a success.

I would particularly like to thank Assistant Commissioner Lynne Owens, Commander Bob Broadhurst and Chief Superintendent Peter Terry, for their personal contribution and dedication to the Royal Wedding and to ensuring that it was a very special day for the nation.

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*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Theresa May', written in a cursive style.

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