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*Dear Sir Ian*

Thank you for coming to see me this morning to notify me of your intention to resign as Commissioner in two months time. I accept your decision with great regret.

You have been Commissioner at a time of unprecedented terrorist threat and have led the force in disrupting a series of plots as well as helping to bring many terrorists to justice. You led the Met through the dreadful events of the London bombings on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2005 and dealt with these with decisiveness and courage to bring the city back to normality. Two years later, I saw your immense contribution vividly on my first day in office at the time of the Haymarket attempted bombing. As Commissioner you have played a major role in shaping our national counter terrorism capability.

At the same time, you have secured significant falls in crime in London and have been at the fore front of the introduction of Neighbourhood Policing across the capital. Your contribution and drive to see these projects through were instrumental to their success and this leaves a lasting legacy.

You have faced the complex challenges of your office with unwavering commitment. It is the job of responsible politicians to support those who have to carry heavy operational burdens. It has been my honour to do so.

I want to extend my sincere gratitude to you and to your family for the service you have given London and the nation as Commissioner.

*Jacqui Smith*  
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