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Mr. P.R. O'Sullivan,
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LONDON, N.W.5

3rd October 1978

Dear Mr. O'Sullivan.

My attention has been drawn to a case at Bow Street Magistrates Court where a man was convicted on 26th July 1978 of assault occasioning actual bodily harm and possessing an offensive weapon, a knife.

I see from a police report that on 25th July 1978 you were travelling on the Northern Line when you noticed a man, who had boarded the train at Archway Station, take a knife from his back left hand pocket and threaten a young girl who was sitting opposite him. The man then stood up and challenged everybody on the train to take the knife from him, and when the train arrived at Tottenham Court Road Station you decided to detain him.

I note that when you took him from the train and disarmed him he assaulted you, causing a cut on your right thumb but you managed to subdue him until police arrived.

I was pleased to see that at the conclusion of the case, which had been remanded until 16th August 1978, the Magistrate, Mr. E.C. Russell, made the following statement in open court:-

"I would like police to take steps to ensure that Mr. Paul O'Sullivan is commended for his action in this case."

I am pleased to have the opportunity to associate myself with the Magistrate's remarks and I would like you to know that your courageous action at the time of this incident is very much admired by police.

Thank you for your assistance in this case.

Yours sincerely
R. A. [Signature]

Deputy Assistant Commissioner Crime