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HER MAJESTY'S AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE

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Dear Prime Minister,

It is with great regret that I am informing you that I will be resigning from my position as Her Majesty's Ambassador to France effective immediately after you accept my resignation. Looking forward, past my resignation, I strongly believe that Anglo-French relations will continue to blossom. In regards to the next ambassador, I would be honoured if I was selected to advise on who should be Her Majesty's successor to myself. I would more than willing to offer my services.

Over the last seven years of my faithful service to Her Majesty I have enjoyed the pleasures of being her representative in this wonderful country and conducting diplomacy between two fantastic nations whose bond cannot be broken. I must thank every government since my appointment on the 16th of June 2010 for entrusting me to be their voice in France.

I must also thank my world-class staff who have been knowledgeable, calm and comforting throughout my time in my role as ambassador. Without my staff's research, communications and expertise I would have been able to achieve nearly a slither of our accomplishments on my own. I will always be grateful and in debt for the countless hours of hard work put in by my staff to make our diplomatic mission a success.

The hospitality of the residents of France have been incredible. This country has enriched my lived experiences and has created more than enough memories for a lifetime. It has helped raised by two daughters, who I love so dearly, as confident young women who continue to exceed my expectations. My wife and I will miss Paris especially, it's the city that we are blessed to have called home. I'm sure we will be returning to its colourful landscape soon.

Despite this, it is with deepest regret that I will be resigning. As the Swedish-French actor Max von Sydow once said "France is, for me, the country of happiness". For me it is that and more.

*Hugh Martin*

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