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Dear Burgemeester and Twinning Committee Chairman, Mr Wolfgang Stein

It was with great sadness and sorrow that we learnt of the devastating floods affecting much of western Europe, and in particular Germany. The scenes of devastation were on a scale not seen for many years, and our hearts go out to everyone affected.

We were especially sad to hear that Schwerte is among the many towns affected, and the Ruhr has flooded badly causing you serious issues, although fortunately I understand there has been no loss of life there.

Our thoughts are with you.

Yours sincerely

James Bacon

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