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Dear Mr Castle,

A report has been received from the Deputy Divisional Inspector of Lifeboats for the South West which refers to the service on 6th September, 1987 when the Port Isaac lifeboat launched to a person who had fallen over a cliff, seven miles east of the lifeboat station.

The lifeboat launched in winds of force 6 to 7 blowing from a west-north-west direction and rough seas - conditions which were on the operational limits for a D class inflatable lifeboat. The casualty was reached after thirty minutes but was found to be already dead. The body was placed on board and the lifeboat returned to station. The return passage was hampered by rough seas and took twice as long as the outward passage.

The skill and determination displayed by Helmsman Neville Andrews and crew members Andrew Walton and David Sumner was commendable and in the best traditions of the Lifeboat Institution. Would you please convey to them my warm thanks for a first class service carried out in unpleasant conditions with a sad conclusion.

*Yours sincerely
Brian Miles*

Deputy Director/Chief
of Operations