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Rt Hon John Major MP
Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
London

Dear Prime Minister,

You are meeting the Unionist Leaders this afternoon. You should be in no doubt that we are increasingly angry at those who are frustrating every attempt to make progress.

These talks are vastly more important than the venue. The people of Northern Ireland are anxious to see progress and are impatient with the obstructive stance of those who are delaying the talks. Goodwill and patience are being squandered. The Secretary of State is an honourable man who has demonstrated patience and understanding throughout, but these very qualities are leaving him and the process vulnerable to gross abuse.

The negotiations are now in the gravest jeopardy. Only a firm stance by you will protect the talks from collapse, the community from a major upsurge in violence, and Her Majesty's Government from the accusation of surreptitiously playing the "Orange Card".

Yours sincerely
John Alderdice

Dr John T Alderdice
PARTY LEADER

Stewart, 1.40pm.



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From the Private Secretary

15 May 1991

Dear Dr Alderdice,

I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister to thank you for your letter of 15 May.

This is receiving attention and a reply will be sent to you as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Wall

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Dr John T Alderdice