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Mr T Joseph Pickvance 2 Sunbury Cottages Church Road Northfield Birmingham B31 2LB

Dear Mr Pickvance

Thank you very much for your letter of 14 May 1991. We are familiar with the South Tyrol Arrangements and indeed a number of the principles you outline are already part of the process upon which we are engaged. The fundamental problem is that the Unionists do not accept that they should try to reach agreement with anybody. It is their view that since they are the majority in Northern Ireland everyone must simply accept what they say.

Our job at the moment is to help them realise that there are other people here with whom they must live.

Thank you for your interest and your prayers which we value.

Yours sincerely

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