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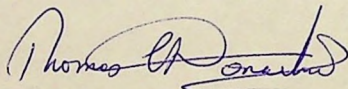
Dr. J. Alderdice
Alliance Party
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Dear Dr. Alderdice

In common with the majority of people in the Province we have been greatly distressed by the recent upsurge of terrorist violence which has caused death and serious injury to our fellow citizens. We recognise and appreciate the way that you and your colleagues have campaigned against the scourge of terrorism in our Province and we do assure you of the prayers of the whole Church as you seek to carry the burden of responsibility that leadership of one of the political parties brings.

We would respectfully encourage you to pursue with vigour the talks that have been arranged by the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland with the other constitutional parties and the government of the Republic of Ireland. We understand that the delays in the talks have been caused by others and it would be perfectly understandable if you and your colleagues became frustrated but we would urge you to make every effort to ensure that the talks process does not collapse through suspicion and distrust. We long for peace and security in our land and we pray that we may know that righteousness which alone exalts a nation.

Yours Sincerely



Thomas C. Donachie