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Dublin 2

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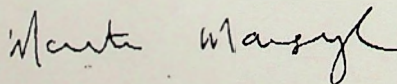
Dear Wally,

As discussed, the view of the Fianna Fáil delegation is that the next meeting of the Forum for Peace and Reconciliation might be devoted to listening to contributions that persons or groups from the Unionist Community might wish to make. There may be a case for holding the meeting in January rather than close to Christmas, when public attention may be distracted.

After that meeting, it may be easier to form a judgement on what future role the Forum may have in promoting progress in the Northern Ireland peace process and overcoming obstacles to the implementation of the Agreement.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,



Martin Mansergh.

Forum for Peace & Reconciliation

Party	94/97 Members	94/97 Alternates	02/03 Members	02/03 Alternates
Fianna Fáil	9	4	10	4
Fine Gael	6	3	6	3
Labour	5	2	4	3
Progressive Democrats	2	2	2	3
Democratic Left	2	1	-	-
Green Party	1	1	2	2
SDLP	5	5	4	4
Sinn Féin	3	2	5	4
Alliance Party of NI	3	2	3	2
Independent Senators	1	1 Rotating	1	1
Independent Deputies	1	2	2	2
Workers Party	1	0	1	0
NI Women's Coalition	1	1	2	0
Socialist Party	-	-	1	0
TOTAL	41	25	43	27