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Dear Dr Alderdice

While I do not formally take up my duties as Secretary of State for Northern Ireland until 28 July, I wanted to lose no time in writing to you to say how much importance I attach to working with you and your Party for the benefit of Northern Ireland.

I hope we can have an early meeting. I am anxious to learn at first hand your views on the major problems and opportunities before Northern Ireland, and to talk with you not least about ways of sustaining the economic momentum in Northern Ireland.

I look forward to meeting you soon; and I hope you will understand my wishing to take an early opportunity to say as much publicly.

*Yours sincerely*  
*Peter Brooke*

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