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20 October 1989

Dear Dr Alderdie

Mr King wrote to you last July about appointments to be made to the \bigcirc arliamentary Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland.

I understand that you have asked to be sent a copy of Mr King's letter, which I now attach. It would be helpful if the Secretary of State could know as soon as possible whether you are content with the proposals in Mr King's letter.

Jours Smerely M. Patterson

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25 October 1989

M Patterson Private Secretary Northern Ireland Office Stormont Castle Belfast BT4 3ST

Dear Mr Patterson

Thank you very much for your letter of 20 inst and the enclosed copy of Mr. King's earlier correspondence. I would have no objections to the two proposed appointments.

Thank you for your trouble for keeping me informed.

Yours sincerely

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The Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland last reported in 1982. By statute (the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986) it must submit a further report not earlier than 1992 or later than 1997. It will be for the Commission to decide when the next general review will commence, but between general reviews it is required to keep boundaries under review and may conduct interim reviews of individual constituencies if it so decides. It is therefore important that the membership of the Commission should be restored to full strength.

The Speaker of the House of Commons remains, of course, the Chairman of the Commission. The Deputy Chairman of the Commission is appointed by the Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland. You will wish to know that he has appointed Mr Justice Higgins to serve in that capacity.

To fill the two vacancies on the Commission, I now propose to re-appoint until 31 December 1992 Mr Patrick Duffy, a qualified accountant and General Manager of M J O'Rourke PLA, Newry, and to appoint for the same period Mr David Clement. Mr Clement, who lives in Antrim, is Chairman of the Northern Ireland Branch of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy, a member of



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