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Thank you for your letter of 27 September, forwarding a copy of your new policy document, "Governing with Consent". I know that you have also written to the Prime Minister and other Ministerial colleagues, who will have been grateful, as I was, to see this document, and I am responding on their behalf as well.

Brian Mawhinney has had a talk with you about your proposals, and we shall of course be keeping in touch with you. As you know, I am keen to promote dialogue with and between all the constitutional political parties about progress towards devolved Government, and I know your party shares my concern. I believe that your proposals represent a constructive contribution to debate on these matters at the present time.

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