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Dear Paddy,

Thank you very much for sending me your article, as published in the Sunday Press, and the Belfast Newsletter.

Unlike your previous article, about which as you know I had reservations, I agree with this one completely. The Provos are wrong in their analysis, as well as in their way of prosecuting it. The principle of consent is absolutely the key. The failure of politicians North and South over the fifty years after partition, created the nightmare of the last twenty-five, instead of the power-sharing and North-South cooperation there could have been.

I enjoyed reading the article, and I am sure that it has been a very helpful contribution to the current debate.

While I am writing, I should like to invite you to the Twenty-Fifth Alliance Party Conference. It will be held on the evening of Friday April 21, and all day on Saturday 22 April, at the Balmoral Conference Centre in Belfast. If you can come, and as one who was around at the start we would be especially delighted if you could come to this special anniversary, please let us know and we will ensure that you get further details nearer the time.

Kindest Regards,

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