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You may recall that in my letter of 23 October I referred to the role and remit of the Northern Ireland Grand Committee.

I am keen to move matters along and I should very much like to hear your views, or even to know that you do not wish to comment, if that is the case.

Might I encourage you, therefore, to reply to my office within the next ten days? Before taking this matter forward and developing any proposals I would like to have some broad indication of the views of all concerned.

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