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The Hon Kathleen Stephens,  
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Thank you very much for your kind letter of good wishes and congratulations on the Good Friday Agreement, and enclosing the letter from Secretary of State, Madeleine Albright. As you know it took a lot of work, but in the end we got there, thanks to the tremendous encouragement of friends like you.

As you will know, we then campaigned hard in the Referendum, and were delighted to get a massive 'Yes' vote on Saturday past. This vote was so strong that it is not just a mandate, but a moral imperative to make the Agreement work

Now we are already under way with the elections to the new Northern Ireland Assembly. We hope that all those elected will work the new Agreement constructively. Certainly I, and all my colleagues in Alliance, will do everything we can to make sure that we hold it together.

Thank you again for your personal support. I really do appreciate it.