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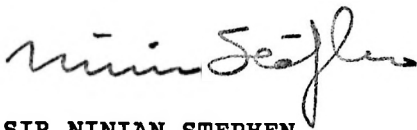
Dear *John*

I write to thank you and the other stalwarts of your Alliance delegation for the great courtesy and consideration that you all showed me throughout the entire Talks process.

I know that your party in particular felt great disappointment at the outcome of the Talks. In a sense, the greater the determination to achieve goals the greater is the sense of disillusionment when they prove unachievable - and I know with what determination Alliance entered into the Talks.

It was always comforting for me to know that at moments of impending crisis I could rely upon you for words of calm good sense.

Sincerely



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