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Mr John McConnell,
Political Affairs Division,
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Dear John,

I have been approached to give support to recognition by Her Majesty for the public service of two individuals, and I would wish to put their names forward. Similar proposals will have come from others in respect of these two individuals.

The first is Mr John P Goldstone. He set up his first business here after leaving the RAF at the end of World War II, and has made a very considerable contribution to unsubsidized employment here, since that time. He is Chairman of Hampden Homecare PLC who operate the TEXAS franchise in NI.

Mr Goldstone has been a major fundraiser for the Service charities over the years, but he is a very reserved man, and his very successful work in this area has always been behind the scenes. I feel that his business achievements and his considerable contribution to Service charities merit significant public recognition.

The second is Dr John McKelvey. I was reticent to put this name forward because one of his sons is married to one of my sisters, but I have been approached by local people in Cullybackey where he has been a GP for many years, and I believe that it would be wrong for me not to give support to his name. He has made an enormous contribution to the welfare of his village community. As a medical student he took high academic honours, but forsook academia for general practice, which he performed most conscientiously through the years. Many of the better screening procedures which are now being brought in and computerized through the new NHS proposals, have been carried out for years in Cullybackey, using manual records, kept up to date during the evenings by 'Dr John', as he is affectionately known in the community.

His merit in the community however goes way beyond either these or his extensive church and missionary support activities. Let me give an example.

Some thirty or so years ago before local authorities took such a part in providing local leisure facilities, he brought together a small local playing fields committee. He personally spent his evenings cutting turf, planting and growing potatoes, and chopping blocks to raise money. This was initially spent in purchasing and levelling a site, and later in building a pavilion and establishing tennis courts for the village. He then maintained them by purchasing a tractor and cutters and kept them in shape for many years, until the Ballymena Council took over responsibility for their maintenance.

I think that this story shows the kind of man he has been and I would most happily support the proposal for recognition which I know has already come forward from the local people.

I should be grateful if you would forward this letter to the appropriate authorities.

If it is best for me to write a further letter elsewhere, please let me know.

Yours, sincerely,



Dr John T. Alderdice
~~PARTY LEADER~~