7 January 1994,

Rt Hon Sir David Steel KBE MP, House of Commons, LONDON SW1A 0AA

Dear David,

Thank you for your letter. I am sorry that you are unable to get over on 5 March, but I entirely understand. The option of 26 February is unfortunately not possible for us. I would suggest that we leave things for the present, and I will look at the Party diary over the next period and come back to you.

Thanks again, and looking forward to seeing you at the next LI Executive meeting in London.

Yours 'aye,

Dr John T Alderdice PARTY LEADER,

PS Things here are at a very interesting and important stage. Even if Sinn Fein does not, as seems most likely, accept the Downing Street Declaration, the prospects for progress, are very real.