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Ref: **BOW GROUP CONFERENCE ON THE FUTURE OF NORTHERN IRELAND**

Dear Dr Alderdice,

I am writing to you to confirm our recent communications, in which you agreed to attend our conference. I am absolutely delighted, and we are very grateful to you for agreeing to share your weekend with us.

We are currently finalising the format, but in terms of a speech which I would ask you to give, may I request that you aim to make it about ten to fifteen minutes long, and which will be followed by questions. We will be asking speakers both to explain the historical / cultural / political and religious backgrounds to their respective positions; and then to set down some positive parameters for peace - ie. those essential ingredients that would have to be present in any peace formula to make it acceptable in their view to the whole community, and particularly their own community.

Could I ask at this stage that you give consideration to what flight (if any) you would prefer to travel on from Ireland to London Heathrow, (along with second and third choices, in case the airlines are heavily booked). I suggest that you plan to be in Oxford on Saturday morning at about 9.30 am, for a 10.00 am start. There is an excellent high speed luxury coach service from Heathrow coach station to Oxford, which is very convenient for the college.

My colleague, Owen, will be in touch shortly to confirm details of your preferred travel plans.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'David Campbell Bannerman'.

David Campbell Bannerman
Chairman - Bow Group