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Dear John:

The Governments of the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland have established an International Body "to provide an independent assessment of the decommissioning issue" in Northern Ireland. A copy of the communique issued by the two Governments is enclosed.

In their communique, the Governments stated that they expect the International Body "to consult widely (and) to invite relevant parties to submit their analysis of matters relevant to the decommissioning issue."

Accordingly, we are writing to request your views on the issue. We welcome your comments in any form and at any length you deem appropriate. In order to permit us to meet the mandate of the Governments in establishing this process, we would appreciate receiving your response by December 15.

On behalf of the International Body

Sincerely yours,

George J. Mitchell
Chairman