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Councillor Dr John Alderdice 55 Knock Road Belfast BT5 6LB Northern Ireland

Dear John,

Thank you ever so much for your wonderfully kind letter of 6 January. My very brief time of your country was truly magnificent and it was both humbling and gratifying to have been able to share out of our South African experience to such amazing interest and hopefulness in the Irish and Northern Irish people.

I am continuing to try to follow the progress of the situation in Northern Ireland with fascination and especially with prayer for a breakthrough and a lasting peace. It's so good to know that you and David Porter are behind initiatives to bring a positive contribution to the process and I know that these will be important and valuable.

My schedule this year is already booked quite solid but I too hope that I will be able to return to Dublin and Belfast in the not-too-distant future. In the meantime, let's do keep in touch.

All blessings.

Yours very sincerely,

Michael

Michael Cassidy