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Mr Julian Hamilton,

Just a brief note to thank you for your good wishes.

The Good Friday Agreement may not be a perfect settlement, but it is the best we could hope to achieve, and it is a good foundation upon which to build lasting peace. I am especially encouraged by what you are hearing from young people about a sense of hope.

Again my thanks for your kind remarks and you offer of help. I know that Richard will be seeing you later this week, and I am sure that you may get a chance to speak about this.