

CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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Lord Alderdice of Knock Leader Alliance Party 88 University Street Belfast BT7 1HE

Dear John,

Enclosed is a letter from Secretary of State Madeleine Albright which she has asked that I forward to you. It is my pleasure to do so, and to take this opportunity to add my own congratulations. I was among the many - on both sides of the Atlantic - inspired by the vision and determination which made agreement possible.

I hope you and your colleagues had an opportunity for at least a bit of very wellearned rest over the Easter weekend. Your leadership will be even more important in the days and weeks ahead, with all the promise and challenge they hold.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Kathleen Stephens Consul General

Enclosure