

27 May 1998,

The Honorable Edward M Kennedy,  
Senate of the United States,  
WASHINGTON DC 20510,  
U.S.A.

Thank you very much for your kind telephone call of good wishes and congratulations on the Good Friday Agreement. It took a lot of work, but in the end we got there, thanks to the help of our many friends, of whom you are certainly one of the greatest.

As you will know, we then campaigned hard in the Referendum, and were delighted to get a massive 'Yes' vote on Saturday past. This vote was so strong that it is not just a mandate, but a moral imperative to make the Agreement work

Now we are already under way with the elections to the new Northern Ireland Assembly. We hope that all those elected will work the new Agreement constructively. Certainly I, and all my colleagues in Alliance, will do everything we can to make sure that we hold it together.

Thank you again for your extraordinary commitment to the people of Ireland, North and South. We really do appreciate it.