

18 July 1998,

The Duke of Abercorn,
Barons Court,
OMAGH,
Co Tyrone.

Much has happened since that very pleasant walk at Barons Court. The elections to the new Assembly, and now the implementation of the Agreement in legislation and in practice proceed apace. Despite the many difficulties, and recent days have sometimes been very worrying, I continue to believe that the process can survive and thrive.

As you will know my own situation has also changed. Some time I will tell you more about it. I did however want to write to thank you and your good wife very sincerely indeed for your warm welcome to Barons Court, and your very generous contributions to the campaign. It was extremely kind, and encouraged me greatly.

I remain optimistic for our beloved land, and determined to continue to do all I can to try to hold things together, and to build a peaceful future for our long-suffering people, and most especially our children.

Again many thanks for your encouragement.