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Dear Alex,

Attached is an advance copy of a letter from Congressman Joe Kennedy to the Prime Minister and the Taoiseach.

It helpfully condemns recent violence in the Province and refers to the Talks process but less helpfully puts its final emphasis on the Hume/Adams initiative.

Congressman Kennedy is currently planning to visit Northern Ireland in November and as part of his itinerary will meet my Secretary of State. He appears, recently, to have made a conscious effort to be more responsible on matters such as Northern Ireland and it is probably worth trying to encourage him towards the 'straight and narrow'. There is no doubt that our efforts with Senator Ted Kennedy over the years have paid handsome dividends.

We will, of course, pass on Congressman Kennedy's original letter to you together with a draft reply as soon as possible.

Yours ever  
  
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