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Recent tragic events - which we have both condemned - have underlined the need for our countries to continue to cooperate closely over Northern Ireland, in particular on political development and security issues. I hope that we can both continue to encourage the efforts to find a political settlement. ENDS

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*and hope that we can meet before long. I shall be delighted to welcome you here in London.*

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*Send this to Mr. Greenstock before he leaves*

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