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From the Private Secretary

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I passed your message of support to the Prime Minister last night. He was, again, very grateful.

I enclose with this note a copy of the Joint Declaration in the form in which we expect to publish it - assuming no last-minute hiccups - at the joint press conference with the Taoiseach at noon. I hope you will find that the document meets your expectations. If you were able to give it a fair wind, that would be enormously welcome to the Prime Minister, and of course, particularly reassuring for those in Northern Ireland whose apprehensions have been raised by press speculation.

I have sent a copy of the Joint Declaration separately to the Archbishop of Canterbury.

RODERIC LYNE

The Most Reverend the Archbishop of Armagh