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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear John,

I greatly appreciated your support in the House this afternoon, and the generous terms in which you expressed it. Your authority, and the restraint which you showed towards the sensitivities of others, will of course carry enormous weight in Northern Ireland.

You have worked over years to persuade all Nationalists to take the democratic path. Let us hope that the Joint Declaration will secure the positive response we all want from PIRA. That would make the best possible Christmas for your people.

*Yours sincerely,
John H.*

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