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From the Private Secretary

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Dear Mrs M. Williams,

Thank you very much for your letter of 3 December to the Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister has met a number of Northern Ireland political parties recently. This was largely in response to requests which extended back some weeks. The top priority at present is that the parties should work closely together in Belfast, and there is an intensive process of discussion in train there now. I know you are making the most constructive efforts to contribute to that.

The Prime Minister is keen to ensure that your voice is heard. There is absolutely no intention of excluding you. He will be delighted to meet you at the appropriate time in the coming weeks. We will be in touch to arrange a meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Matthew Rycroft

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