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THE PRIME MINISTER

Dear George,

I am delighted that you have agreed to take on the key role we and the Irish Government wanted you to have for the Northern Ireland talks. This is a considerable boost to the process.

I cannot promise that it will be a bed of roses. There may well be moments when you regret that you ever considered such a task, but I know that you will do it extremely well. I am also confident that the scope for real progress is there, whatever the difficulties and excitements on the way.

I hope we will be able to meet to talk about all this soon. In any case I look forward to seeing you at the opening plenary on 10 June. Meanwhile you have all my good wishes for the future.

*Yours Ever,
Tony*

Senator George Mitchell