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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Jean,

I know you will be following with close interest this week's proceedings in Belfast. If the path to negotiations has been difficult, our task now is even more challenging.

Meanwhile, I wanted to let you know how much I value your continuing support for both the peace process and General John de Chastelain's contribution to it. We remain committed to the success of these negotiations and are very glad that General de Chastelain has again agreed to assist in resolving the difficult issues which lie ahead.

The first two days of talks have been difficult, but the process has survived and an ability to produce compromises has been demonstrated by most of the parties. The independent chairmen have now been appointed. This is moderately encouraging. We will now do all we can to enable the talks to move forward.

I look forward to seeing you in Lyon. Meanwhile, I send you my very best wishes.

Yours Truly  
John H.

The Right Honourable Jean Chrétien. P.C., Q.C., M.P.

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