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At this morning's Strand 2 meeting, Sinn Féin's Chief Negotiator, Martin McGuinness, asked your representative for a bi-lateral between our parties. I have carefully listened to your statements on this issue and I understand the difficulties which you feel this poses for you. Indeed, Reg Empey spelt these out very eloquently yesterday in a contribution which I have acknowledged as being generous. Given the serious situation on the ground in the North of Ireland and given the democratic imperative that we should meet, I would like to formally and respectfully request that this meeting take place as quickly as possible.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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