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Dear Paddy,

May I, first of all, wish you a happy and less onerous 1997.

I wanted to draw your attention to the situation in respect of both Loyalist and Republican terrorism and to give you a very brief indication of the Ulster Unionist position.

You are well aware of my opinion that IRA/Sinn Fein is irredeemable and that they will, in the foreseeable future, **BE UNABLE** to enter the Talks Process. While we are keen that the Loyalists (and we have been making direct representations to them on the matter) should maintain their cease-fire and be able to continue in the Process on the basis of their 27-month position, we cannot risk be accused of adopting double standards.

I have no doubts that Paisley and McCartney will, immediately on our return to Castle Buildings, seek to have the UDP and PUP debarred on the basis that the Ardoyne and Derry City attacks heralded a break in the Cease-fire process. If this happened it would be most unhelpful to us and could ultimately call into question whether there was now any justification for the presence of other "nominated" groups.

We would like things to be conducted in a much more clinical fashion and would, therefore, suggest that you should seize the initiative.

Since you are the final judge and arbiter in respect of security matters, I feel that it should be your responsibility to pre-empt the "terrible duo" by bringing forward, at the earliest opportunity, a security intelligence report on **the state of the paramilitaries**. This will enable us to compare and contrast, from an informed position, the activities of IRA/Sinn Fein and the state of the CLMC cease-fire.

To leave the initiative to others would be unhelpful to us. I do hope that you can take this point of view on board and be ready to make a statment even if required to do so as early as Monday.

Yours sincerely,

P.S. I may need to indicate to the Press that Ulster Unionists have written to you in this vein.

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