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Sir Patrick Mayhew
Secretary of State for Northern Ireland
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Dear Secretary of State

LABOUR DELEGATION AT THE ALL-PARTY SUBSTANTIVE TALKS

Further to my letter to you on 5th July 1996 I enclose for your information a copy of a letter which I have sent to Mr. Mark Langhammer asking him to explain under what authority he claims to have been acting when he wrote to you purporting to remove myself as Head of the Labour Delegation to the All-Party Substantive Talks. As indicated Mr. Langhammer in writing to you acted without any discussion with myself or without any reference to or authority from the Labour Coalition which contested and obtained a mandate in the elections on 30th May.

As to my own position I confirm that I have been fully endorsed by the Labour Coalition Steering Committee as its Head of Delegation to the All-Party Substantive Talks. I am now obtaining written confirmation from Labour candidates in the 30th May elections of their endorsement of myself as Labour Leader and I would hope to be able to send this to you in the very near future. I shall then invite you to take action under section 5(2)(b) of the Northern Ireland (Entry to Negotiations, etc) Act 1996 regarding my position as nominating representative for my Party.

Yours sincerely

Malachi Curran
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Labour Leader

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