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THE PRIME MINISTER

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*Dear Alan,*

Thank you for your letter of 30 November.

It would not be right for me to seek to cast judgement on the events of "Bloody Sunday" at this distance in time; nor would it be right for me retrospectively to comment on the actions of the soldiers on that day, or on the guilt or innocence of any individual or individuals involved in those events. The Government made clear in 1974 that those who were killed on "Bloody Sunday" should be regarded as innocent of any allegation that they were shot whilst handling firearms or explosives. I hope that the families of those who died will accept that assurance.

I am well aware of the depth of feeling that remains in Londonderry about "Bloody Sunday". As with every tragedy, the scars are long lasting. All are determined that the lessons of that day are not forgotten.

*Yours sincerely  
John H.*

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