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From the Private Secretary

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*Dear Mr. McCartney,*

As you know, the Prime Minister had agreed in principle to see a delegation of leaders of the main Northern Ireland parties on the question of education. We had hoped to arrange this for later this week, but today's announcement of the election has meant a change in plans. I am therefore afraid that it will no longer be possible to fit in a meeting. The Prime Minister has asked me to pass on his apologies and hopes you will understand the reasons for the change.

*Yours sincerely*

*John Holmes*

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