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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear John,

I wanted to let you know personally how much I valued the contacts we had and the progress we were able to make over Northern Ireland in the short time we had working together. Your time as Taoiseach has also been one of considerable achievement on both the domestic and international fronts. The continuing dynamism of the Irish economy and your sensitive handling of the Irish Presidency in 1996 will be particularly remembered as notable achievements. I wish you all the best for the future, and hope that our paths will cross again before too long.

Thank you for all your consepond and tuppent. Un was deeply appended.

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Mr John Bruton TD