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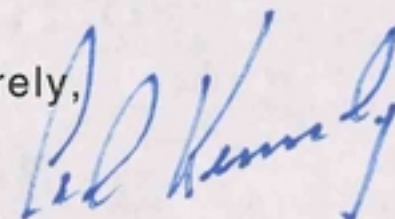
Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I am writing to congratulate you and thank you for the priority you have given Northern Ireland since becoming Prime Minister. Your efforts, and those of Mo Mowlam, have made an enormous difference, and you deserve great credit for creating the conditions which brought about the restoration of the IRA cease-fire.

I'm very hopeful that the Ulster Unionist Party will join in the talks in September. If there is anything you think we can do to help in any way, I hope you won't hesitate to let me know.

With respect and admiration, and I look forward to meeting you when you visit Washington,

Sincerely,



Edward M. Kennedy

