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M. Lyke 3 letters,  
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Dear John,

Northern Ireland Decommissioning Commission:  
Letters of Thanks

Now that the Independent Commission on Decommissioning has been formally established, and its members endorsed by the Northern Ireland talks participants, the Prime Minister may wish to express his thanks to President Clinton, Prime Minister Chretien and President Ahtisaari for their cooperation in supplying members for the Commission. The letter to President Clinton in particular also provides the opportunity to set out frankly the current state of play in the peace process, and to seek his continuing support. I attach three self-explanatory draft letters, whose text has been agreed with the Northern Ireland Office.

I am copying this letter to Ken Lindsay (Northern Ireland Office).

yours etc,  
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