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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Mary,

I would like to offer you my warm congratulations on your election as President. Relations between our two countries have been transformed in recent years and I look forward to this process continuing with your help and encouragement.

As you know, I am determined to find peace in Northern Ireland. Nothing would give me greater satisfaction than to see this dispute resolved, and the way cleared for a truly new era in relations between the United Kingdom and Ireland.

I look forward to a chance for us to meet before too long.

Yours sincerely
Tony Blair

Mrs Mary McAleese

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