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John

*Thought you might like to see
the attached. Progress!*

Ken

Northern Ireland Victims Commission

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The Secretary of State for Northern Ireland has established a Commission with the following terms of reference:

- to examine the feasibility of providing greater recognition for those who have become victims in the last thirty years as a consequence of events in Northern Ireland, recognising that those events have also had appalling repercussions for many people not living in Northern Ireland;
- to consult the various organisations concerned with the welfare of the bereaved and disabled;
- to consult community groups, churches, political parties; and
- to make recommendations to the Secretary of State.

The Commission now invites organisations or individuals who believe they can contribute to its work to submit relevant information, views or suggestions.

While the Commission is specifically asked to consider the possibility of a new memorial it is interested also in receiving views about other ways in which the victims of violence over the past 30 years might be recognised.

In inviting such evidence the Commission will take wider account of the fact that many people not living in Northern Ireland have suffered from the consequences of the Troubles.

While it may not be possible to afford an oral hearing to everyone who gives evidence, it would be helpful to the Commission to indicate whether such a meeting is sought.

Contact may be made with the Commission, preferably by 22 December, at the following address:

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