

## DRAFT LETTER FOR SIGNATURE BY THE PRIME MINISTER

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Thank you very much for your letter of 2 February and the kind words of support.

It is my hope and belief that by having a new inquiry into the events of 30 January 1972 we will be able to establish the truth and be able to close this painful chapter once and for all. I have been struck by the dignity of all those who experienced the tragic events of that day and believe that it is in the interests of everyone that the truth is established. This has to be the way forward to the necessary reconciliation which will be such an important part of building a secure future for the people of Northern Ireland.