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THE PRIME MINISTER

26 February 1998

Dear Bishop,

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

I have been struck by the dignity of all those who experienced the tragic events of 30 January 1972. I hope that by having a new inquiry into the events of that day we will be able to establish the truth and close this painful chapter once and for all. I believe that this is in the interests of everyone. I hope it will help to bring about the reconciliation needed to build a secure future for the people of Northern Ireland.

your ever

The Right Reverend Edward Daly

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