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THE PRIME MINISTER

23 December 1996

Tear Object Countrille,

I am writing to thank you for all the preparation that went into my visit to Northern Ireland. I know how much effort is involved, especially when the weather is so unaccommodating, and would be grateful if you would pass on my thanks to everyone for their hard work.

It was also good to have your personal appreciation of the security situation when we met briefly after dinner. I hope that, despite the difficulties, you and your force have a quiet and pleasant Christmas and New Year.

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