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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Mr. McDowell,

Many thanks for your kind letter of 21 December, and for the Registration Brochure and copy of "Shaping a City".

I greatly enjoyed my latest visit to Northern Ireland, notwithstanding the rather gloomy weather, and was glad to see Colm McGarry at the North Belfast Business Centre.

Good luck in your further work over the coming year. The steady improvement in housing and urban development in Belfast has without question been one of the factors which has led to such a dramatic change in the overall atmosphere. Fresh hope has been given to people whose prospects fifteen or twenty years ago seemed pretty gloomy. On every visit I am struck by the refreshingly high standards of new development which I see as I travel around.

I send you and your staff my warmest wishes for 1996.

Sid McDowell Esq

*Yours Sincerely,
John Major*

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