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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Mr. Mayor,

May I thank you for the tremendously warm welcome which you and your colleagues gave me in Ballymena yesterday morning, and for the magnificent Tyrone Crystal bowl bearing your Coat of Arms. It will be a constant reminder of a very happy occasion. My main regret, as ever, was that I could not stay longer. The people of your town were generous in their welcome, and I would have liked to have seen much more of it. I am delighted that your local economy is doing so well, although I know that you have a number of problems, including flooding. Above all, it was a real pleasure to see everyone in such good heart.

May I add a special word of thanks for the carol singing? The children from the three primary schools were captivating. I am sorry to have intruded on their Christmas holidays, but I would not have missed it for the world.

Yours sincerely,
John Major

Councillor Robert Coulter

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