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His Eminence Cardinal Tomas O Fiaich Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland Ara Coeli Armagh

As you know I visited Northern Ireland today. I came because I share your concern that we should do all that lies in our power to bring peace and reconciliation to all members of the community.

You will have heard what I said at my meeting today with a number of those, including Catholic clergy, who are in their various ways helping to keep normal life going.

I was very sorry that your own commitments meant that you could not come yourself to Belfast to see me. My visit had to be arranged at short notice and I understand the difficulties that this created for you. This is simply to say that I should welcome the chance of a talk with you in London if you would find that helpful.

MARGARET THATCHER