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PRIME MINISTER'S
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Dear Prime Minister

I have been asked by the Taoiseach to transmit to you the following message as soon as possible:

"I am writing to let you know how relieved we are at the way things have turned out in the H-Blocks and Armagh. As we on our side have often pointed out, this development will have the most favourable repercussions here on security and on relations generally and, though I do not think that this is a time to speak or think of winners or losers, I would like personally to congratulate you and all concerned - and to take the opportunity of wishing you all the very best for Christmas and the New Year.

Charles J Haughey"

In conveying this message I would like, if I may, to express my own congratulations and good wishes.

I have the honour to be, dear Prime Minister,

Yours very sincerely
Eamon Kennedy

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