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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Ian A. Paisley,

I and my colleagues share your concern, and the concern of all those who represent the people of Northern Ireland, about the continuing violence and terrorism. There can be no doubt about the Government's determination to defeat it, and I do not believe there is any doubt in Northern Ireland about that. If, however, you would find it helpful to discuss the security problem with me and the Secretary of State, I would be willing to try to arrange a meeting with you, and with Mr. Molyneux and Mr. Fitt, at an early date.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

The Reverend Ian Paisley, M.P.

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