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PRIME MINISTER

cc:- Mr Alexander

FERMANAGH WIDOWS

You will remember that earlier in the week you agreed that Mr Atkins should see the group of widows from County Fermanagh ~~that~~ who had asked via Peter Robinson and Ian Paisley to come and see you. Mr Atkins saw the group this afternoon. They had with them a thousand letters addressed to you and, repeated their request to have a meeting with you personally. Mr Atkins' Office described the meeting as emotional but, at least in part, constructive.

The Northern Ireland Office will be letting us have early next week some considered advice on how we might handle the next steps. They may suggest that you should see a representative group, without Ian Paisley present. In the meantime, we have alerted our Press Office in case Mr Paisley seeks publicity over the weekend.

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