



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

19 May 1981

Dear Mr. Paisley,

Thank you for your telegram of 14 May.

I am sorry that you did not find it possible to take up my offer of a meeting last week. As you say in your telegram, you made your request to see me after my meeting with Mr. Hume had been arranged. By that time my diary for the end of last week and the beginning of this was already very overcrowded, and the only way I could see you urgently was by offering you a comparatively short meeting. Since then my office has tried continually to get in touch with you again in order to arrange a time for a rather longer meeting in the latter half of this week, but despite leaving messages asking you to get in touch with him, my Private Secretary has not heard from you. Nonetheless, I am of course still ready to meet you, if you wish.

Yours sincerely
Raymond Storer

The Reverend Ian Paisley, M.P.