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Dear Secretary of State

Just a short personal note to let you know how much I, and I am sure many others deplored the hurtful insult and snub directed to you by members of my Party concerning your intended attendance at the funeral in Tyrone on Sunday!

I feel confident that both deceased, who were very close personal friends of mine and whose passing I mourn very deeply, would not have wished this action to have been taken. Both of them were prepared to admit that they lived in an area in which it was impossible to guarantee complete safety and security at all times but they were courageous enough to defy the efforts of our enemies to intimidate them from their home.

They, like myself, would have preferred that the leaders of our Party would concentrate their efforts on working constructively with you and your colleagues in Government to solve our local constitutional and security problems rather than issuing insults to those who are trying to help us.

With kindest regards

Yours sincerely

Harry West.