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Dear Prime Minister

Thank you for telling me about the appointment of Hugh Rossi. I am in touch with him and will do what I can to encourage him.

This letter gives me the opportunity to congratulate you on becoming our Prime Minister and to assure you that you will be in my prayers.

I shall, perhaps, be bold one day and ask you to see me briefly. I would like to speak to you about Northern Ireland. There is little that you will not know already - but there

was a delicate negotiation going on, in which I was marginally-involved. It can wait; and in any case you will have more than enough on your plate in the next few months.

I do hope that all will go well
for you

Yours sincerely,

Basil Hume.