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My dear Prime Minister,

Thank you more than I can write for the letter you sent me on my return from Belfast. It was, if I may say so, a very gracious, understanding and touching gesture. I apologise for the delay in writing but I wanted first to go to the country and attempt to recollect in some tranquillity.

I shall not attempt to write a valedictory. As you say, some things have been done, but there remains a lot to be achieved. I'm certain the tasks are clearly understood and the framework is right. I only wish I could have done more myself.

May I take this opportunity to thank you; the Secretary of State, and all my colleagues who have given me unstinting help and support? I have told them that if ever I can give any help or advice on an honorary basis I am ready to do so. That on a few more important and immediate tasks.

Again with many thanks and  
all respects.

Yours sincerely,

Maxim. Stofnik

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