



HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

Prime Minister

I have asked for advice

Mr. Robs.

Mr. ...

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28th August, 1981.

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Dear Prime Minister,

The Protestants of Ulster are exceedingly alarmed at this new wave of IRA terrorism with the heart of Belfast again being attacked and also the heart of provincial towns.

The escalation of killings and attacks on members of the Security Forces and the admission by the Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary of his lack of manpower all highlight the fact that security policies pursued since the beginning of this present IRA campaign are not going to win this war.

There is a need now for the recruitment of a Third Force to give local back-up support to the RUC, RUCR, UDR and the Army in order that the campaign of genocide against Protestants, especially in the border counties, can be effectually stopped.

I would make a plea to you on behalf of these families that action along this line be taken immediately. I can assure you that vast numbers of men are now ready and able to come forward to take on this vital task.

If your government is going to continue to pursue security policies that have so evidently failed then the people themselves will have no other option but to proceed, as indeed is not only their right but their duty, to put themselves into a state of self defence.

The election of Owen Carron highlights the gravity of the situation and puts the spotlight on the Protestants in Fermanagh and South Tyrone and targets them, for what the Security Forces are well aware of, a baptism of blood.

Having the largest electoral mandate from across the whole of Northern Ireland I am not prepared to sit idly by, as I told you at our last meeting, and see my people destroyed.

Sincerely

Mr. Paisley

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