



10 DOWNING STREET

Prime Minister

ULSTER UNIONIST PARTY - JAMES MOLYNEAUX.

1. Herewith letter dated 29th August and enclosure from Jim Molyneaux.
2. I thought that you would like to see these letters, because they show the underlying good will which still exists among rank and file Unionists and their Leader for our Party.
3. As you know, I think that we should be doing all that we can to bind up the wounds which we inflicted on the Unionists in 1972, not least because of the prospective increase in the number of Ulster MPs.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'IG', with a horizontal line underneath.

1st September, 1980

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From JAMES H. MOLYNEAUX, J.P., M.P. for Antrim, South



House of Commons,

London S.W.1.

Dear Jan

29. Aug 1980

The enclosed letter (do NOT return) was sent to me by Col. Larnes, Chairman of the North Down Constituency Women's Association, describing their reaction to a very offensive outburst by John Carson about the Prime Minister's economic policy.

As Mrs Thatcher may not have seen the remarks by Carson there is probably no need to bother her about the matter. I leave it to you to put the record straight if developments so require.

with kind regards

Ever. Jim

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Old Mill House,
Helen's Bay,
Bangor,
CO. DOWN.

26th August, 1980.

Dear Jim,

Last Friday we had a Meeting of the Central Committee of the N. D. Association.

A proposal was made that a letter be sent to the Press condemning the Lord Mayor of Belfast's remarks concerning Mrs. Thatcher and disassociating North Down from them and a letter to the same effect be sent to Mrs. Thatcher. This received a lot of support but I considered it unwise to go to war with another Unionist and display further divisions in the ranks in public.

I therefore suggested that as you were on very good personal terms with the P. M. you would take the first opportunity, which presented itself, to let the P. M. know that an "Important" Unionist Committee in Northern Ireland condemned the Lord Mayor's statement and regretted it.

I hope that this course will be convenient to you.

and meet with your approval

Best wishes
Harry

Yes
JHM



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1st September, 1980

Thank you so much for your letter of 29th August, with which you enclosed an original letter dated 26th August which you had received from the Chairman of the North Down Unionist Association, with whom I have stayed in Bangor.

It was very good of you to have taken the trouble to write as you did, and I have shown your letter and its enclosure to the Prime Minister.

If you are going to be in London before the House re-assembles, do please give him a ring (930-4433) and come and lunch or dine with me.

Ian Gow

James H. Molyneaux, Esq., JP, MP.