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*De Brian,*

When we met in London last week I said I would write to you about the ideas that Unionist leaders appeared to have that the Taoiseach was in some way prepared to modify or scrap the Agreement, and that this could be an offer in talks about political development. You confirmed to me that your Government stood firmly by the Agreement and that there would be no proposal to retreat from or seek to modify it in any way. My concern at the moment is that efforts to get a dialogue going in Northern Ireland between the parties and to overcome the obstructive tactics of the Unionists are being handicapped by this impression that is being given by Unionists "that Dublin is about to offer them concessions on the Agreement".

We discussed this when we met and I think it would be very helpful indeed if it was possible for the Taoiseach to make clear publicly that any conversations with the Unionists that might take place would not affect the continuity of the Agreement itself.

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