



PRESS RELEASE

The following message from the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, the Rt Hon Edward Heath, was received this morning by the Prime Minister of Northern Ireland, Major J D Chichester-Clark DL MP.

"I would like to take this early opportunity of saying how much I look forward to our working together.

Close co-operation between our two Governments will be essential in the task of creating harmony and prosperity in Northern Ireland.

You and your Ministers have accomplished much and the measures you have taken in respect of the re-organisation and strengthening of the Police service and with regard to housing deserve the widest support. My colleagues and I intend to provide you with all the help we can in the speedy completion of the wide-ranging programme on which you have embarked.

I am asking the Home Secretary to take an early opportunity to visit Northern Ireland in order that he may acquaint himself with the situation at first-hand.

With warmest regards."

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