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Ard Mhacha/Armagh

9th October, 1981.

Dear Secretary of State,

Just a line to thank you sincerely for your telephone call on the morning of Tuesday, 6th October and for forwarding a copy of your statement on the development of the prison system.

I hope it will prove the long awaited stimulus which will shortly lead to the ending of all prison protests and mark the beginning of a much happier era in the relations between prisoners and prison authorities in Northern Ireland.

I appreciate very much the amount of your time which you gave me on Wednesday, 30th September and I look forward to meeting Lord Gowrie later.

Yours very sincerely,

Thomas O'Riail

Cardinal Archbishop of Armagh

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