



12 Brandywell Court
Derry
Ireland
0504-268297
15 June 1992

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Mr Peter Brooke, MP
House of Commons
Westminster
LONDON

Dear Mr Brooke,

I found it interesting that in a B.B.C. interview shortly after you left office as Secretary of State for Northern Ireland you expressed your regret at having never met the Sinn Féin President, Gerry Adams, during your time at Stormont.

I appreciate that even though you have now left your position at the N.I.O. and are no longer bound by the restrictions of government office, difficulties may still exist to prevent you undertaking such an initiative.

Accepting this, I would still like to explore the possibility that a meeting between yourself and other members of the Conservative Party with representatives of Sinn Féin could take place at some time in the future.

I am also writing to extend this invitation to your colleague, Mr Edward Heath, MP.

You may be aware that in recent weeks discussion between Presbyterian Moderators and Bishop Edward Daly and Sinn Féin has taken place.

There is general acceptance that this has been a positive development and I feel the courage shown by these clergymen is worthy of commendation.

I trust you will give serious consideration to my proposal.

Yours Sincerely,

Martin Mc Guinness
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cc. PS/Mr Fell
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Mr Deverell
Mr Cooke

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PS/SECRETARY OF STATE (L&B)

PROVISIONAL SINN FEIN - APPROACH TO MR BROOKE

I enclose a letter from Martin McGuinness to Mr Brooke which Mr Brooke had forwarded to me.

2. Mr Brooke has asked me if there is anything we would want to advise him to say in responding and in discussion with the Secretary of State he said he strongly endorsed what was my own advice, that we should not ask Mr Brooke to say anything in reply to Mr McGuinness other than what will be, no doubt, a polite refusal.

3. The Secretary of State raised the remarks made by his predecessor about the British presence. This is the speech the former Secretary of State made on 9 November 1990 to a business audience in London in terms which were cleared by the former Prime Minister. He said inter alia (paragraph 19): "The British Government has no selfish strategic or economic interest in Northern Ireland: our role is to help, enable and encourage."

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