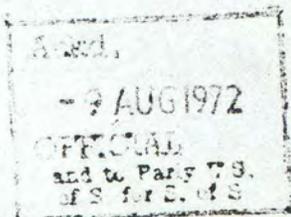


From: Robin Chichester-Clark MP.



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My dear Willie,

I had a fairly unpleasant visit to the victims of the Claudy bomb outrage who are still in hospital on Saturday and later to the relatives of those who were killed. With the horror and tragedy which this involves for them it may seem strange to mention to you another aspect of what has been happening which perhaps deserves some attention.

It is very noticeable that of the buildings damaged in Londonderry, and this is probably true of other places as well, many have been those of some architectural merit. It cannot be said that Londonderry has a superfluity of this kind of thing and I wonder whether there is any case for offering specialist architectural advice to those who own such buildings. Into this category I suppose falls the Guildhall. It is not a building which I admire, although no doubt John Betjeman would say it had outstanding merit. However, it is certainly interesting and perhaps should be considered.

*Yours ever,
Robin*

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Dear Mr McArthur,

... I enclose a copy of a letter we have received from Robin Chichester-Clark MP concerning bomb damage to buildings of architectural merit and suggesting that specialist architectural advice should be given to people who own such buildings.

I should be grateful for your comments on this in the form of a draft reply for Mr. Howell.

Yours sincerely

E. J. Gelling (Miss)

