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cc: HQ of NI Assembly  
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Dear Gerry,

I am writing to inform you that I received a letter this afternoon from Rt Hon David Trimble MP MLA in his capacity as nominating officer for the Ulster Unionist Party, informing me of the nomination of the following as Ministers with immediate effect:

Sir Reg Empey MLA

Minister for Enterprise, Trade and  
Investment

Mr Sam Foster MLA

Minister for the Environment

Mr Michael McGimpsey MLA

Minister for Culture, Arts and Leisure

Each of these has accepted the nomination and has taken and signed the Pledge of Office witnessed by myself as Speaker and by Mr Arthur Moir, Clerk to the Northern Ireland Assembly. The appointments therefore take effect from today's date.

Ever,