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THE PRIME MINISTER

Dear George,

Thank you for your letter of 5 August enclosing your group's warning about the consequences of continuing community dissension and disorder.

I share your deep concern at the economic consequences of this summer's unrest; and I warmly welcome - and share - your determination to recover the lost ground.

Northern Ireland has come so far in regenerating economic progress and the prospects for a more hopeful future that it would be a tragedy to slip back now. The Government will do all it can to prevent that, and I am delighted that your group will be doing so too.

I am glad that you are also in touch with Paddy Mayhew and Michael Ancram. I know that they are discussing with you direct the arrangements for a meeting.

*Yours sincerely,
John H.*

Sir George Quigley, C.B.