

## HOUSE OF COMMONS LONDON SWIA 0AA

The Office of the Leader of The Opposition

2nd March 1992

Dear Lin,

Thank you for today's letter.

As you will know, the Labour Party has consistently supported the efforts of the Government to get talks on the future of Northern Ireland under way and we consequently welcomed and gave active support to the statement from Mr Brooke on 26th March 1991.

My comments last Thursday were the most recent reassertion of the view which we have taken in the intervening period and will maintain.

It naturally follows that if you and the other interested parties agree a framework for talks before the Election, the Labour Government would honour such an agreement, and expect everyone else to do the same.

For convenience, I am copying this to John Hume, Ian Paisley and John Alderdice.

Rt. Hon. James Molyneaux M.P.