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12 August 1993,

President Mary Robinson, Aras an Uachtarain, Phoenix Park, DUBLIN, Republic of Ireland.

Firstly, may I present my congratulations, that you have been awarded the 1993 Prize for Freedom of Liberal International.

Alliance is the only political party in Ireland which is a member of Liberal International, and we take great pleasure in this recognition of your achievements and contributions, by the world-wide community of liberals.

I write also, however to express my deep concern about your recent visit to Belfast, and some of those who you greeted while you were here. I do not think that you can quite realize the devastating effect that this has had. I would be grateful if you were agreeable to meet me, at your convenience, and privately if that is best, so that I can try to convey the significance of these events, and the parlous state of affairs here at the present.

Dr John T Alderdice PARTY LEADER