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CONFIDENTIAL

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Dear Assistant Secretary

Lord Gowrie, Minister of State in the NIO, phoned me on Friday
22 January and asked if he could come to see me with a personal request.
I said that I would call around to see him instead and did so.

It turned out that he had actually two requests to make, one of a practical kind relating to the sale of his house in Ireland and the other of a more abstract nature regarding the legitimate national and cultural identity of the minority community in the North.

I said I would see what could be done to help him on both points, which I have separately summarised herewith.

Yours sincerely

Eamon Kennedy

Ambassador

Mr David Neligan Assistant Secretary Department of Foreign Affairs