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Mr. Wilfred Ball

I am writing to offer you and your family my sincere and heart-felt condolences on your tragic loss. I do so on behalf of the Irish Government, but also as a father who appreciates the terrible pain and anguish which you and your wife are suffering.

The people of Ireland are appalled and revolted by the cowardly murder of Jonathan and the cruel injuries inflicted on so many other innocent victims. It is a source of great anger to all Irish people that an innocent child should be so cruelly murdered by those who claim to be acting in the name of the people of Ireland. I can assure you that the bombers act for no one but themselves and are rejected by all right-thinking people in this country.

We have all been greatly moved by your dignity, and tolerance, in the face of almost unbearable injury. It has been a source of inspiration to all of us in these islands who are committed to the path of peace and reconciliation. In days to come I hope you may be able to take some comfort from this and know that countless men and women of good-will have drawn strength and courage from your example.

I extend to you and Mrs. Ball my deepest sympathy.

Yours sincerely,

Dick Spring T.D.
Tanaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs

PA Linn County

March 1993

Mr. and Mrs. Colin Parry

I am writing on behalf of the Irish Government to offer heartfelt condolences and deepest sympathy on the tragic loss of your son Tim. I do so also as the father of a young family who knows what pain you must feel on this account.

The Irish people are sickened by the inhuman violence of the terrorists and appalled that innocent children, like Tim or young Jonathan Ball, should be so cruelly murdered by those who claim to be acting in the name of the people of Ireland. I can assure you that Irish people everywhere and all of us in these islands who are committed to the path of peace and reconciliation reject the perpetrators of this despicable and brutal act of terrorism.

We have all been moved by the dignity and restraint with which you both have responded to these terrible events. It has strengthened our determination to leave no stone unturned in the search for peace. In days to come I hope that you may be able to take some comfort from this and from the knowledge that countless men and women of good-will are united in sorrow with you and the other victims of this atrocity.

I extend to you both my deepest sympathy.

Yours sincerely,

Dick Spring T. D.
Tanaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs