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The Rt. Hon. James Molyneux, M.P.

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House of Commons,
London, SW1A 0AA.

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12 January, 1993.

Dear Peter

I enclose, for reference, copies of items relating to the establishment of a Select Committee on Northern Ireland Affairs.

Following my reply to your letter of 15 May, 1990, your Committee came to a sensible conclusions which was set out in your Second Report of the Session 1989-90 in paragraph 278. I know there was a view that it might have been inappropriate to set up a Select Committee during the inter-Party talks launched by the then Secretary of State.

These talks were continued by Sir Patrick Mayhew, but failed to produce agreement on any form of Devolved Government for Northern Ireland and accordingly were terminated on 10 November, 1992, by agreement of the British and Irish Governments and the four political parties. There was no suggestion of resumption.

This removes the one obstacle set out in your paragraph 278. I trust your Committee will now wish to act in accordance with the views it expressed in the final three lines of that paragraph.

*Yours ever
Jim*

The Rt. Hon. Sir Peter Emery, MP.,
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House of Commons,
London, SW1A 0AA.

24 July, 1991.

Dear Peter

I have been asked by our Ulster Unionist Parliamentary Party to express appreciation of your supportive remarks in the debate on the proposal for a Select Committee on Northern Ireland affairs, on 18 July, 1991.

We fully understand your difficulty in up-dating the position of your Procedure Committee as set out in paragraph 278 of your Committee's Report of 23 October, 1990. But, with Peter Brooke stating in the House on July, 1991. that the talks had been "brought to an end", I am sure that you and your Committee will, at the first opportunity, implement your intencion stated in the final sentence of that paragraph 278.

Such action would be particularly desirable in the light of the point made by you and Terence Higgins about the avoidance of delay in setting up Select Committees in a new session.

With renewed thanks to you and your Committee.

*Yours ever
Jim*

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Sir Peter Emery, MP.,
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Dear Peter

Following your reference to a Northern Ireland Select Committee in the House on Friday, 23 July, and Tony Newton's reply to Harry Barnes yesterday, it has occurred to me that your Select Committee on Procedure might think of reviewing their earlier suggested allocation of places on such a Committee to reflect the altered composition of the House of Commons resulting from last year's General Election.

I note that in 1990, your Committee had in mind a total of sixteen. It may be that this could be reduced to thirteen, while still reflecting approximate strengths in the House.

Yours ever
Jim

27 July, 1993.

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