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Dear Prime Minister

You will no doubt have seen that three members of Parliament, Mr. Russell Kerr, Mrs. Anne Kerr, and Mr. John Ryan, were present as observers at the demonstration by the Civil Rights Association in Londonderry on 5th October. They sent me some little time ago a report of their version of what went on. Since then they have asked to see me and I spent an hour with them in which they put to me their version of the events.

They understood that the conduct of the police on this occasion and the action of the Minister of Home Affairs in restricting the demonstration were not within my field of responsibility. I did, however, feel it right to listen to what they said.

Their written account has been fairly widely published and quoted from in the newspapers, and, while I know that the behaviour of the police and the Minister's action have been subject to debate in Stormont, I think I should let you know what Mr. and Mrs. Kerr and Mr. Ryan have written.

*Yours sincerely
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