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From the Private Secretary

24 March, 1987.

Dear David,

I enclose a copy of a letter to the Prime Minister from Mr. James Molyneux, MP. I should be grateful for a draft reply.

I am sending a copy of this letter and enclosure to Lyn Parker (Foreign and Commonwealth Office).

Yours sincerely,
(Signature)

(C.D. Powell)

David Watkins, Esq.,
Northern Ireland Office.

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The Rt. Hon. James Molyneux, JP., MP.
LEADER — THE ULSTER UNIONIST PARTY

House of Commons,
London, SW1A 0AA.

24 March, 1987.

Dear Prime Minister

I do not expect that Ministers in the Northern Ireland Office will be keeping you informed of the latest murderous phase of what you knew, and were warned in advance, would be the disastrous sequel to the Anglo-Irish Agreement. They are no doubt too busy concocting bland statements which deceive nobody who knows the realities of Northern Ireland. Hence the need for this letter to be written.

The brutal truth is that at least eighteen people have been murdered since 1st January, 1987 and on humanitarian grounds I beg you to review and re-cast the Government's whole political and security strategy and indicate how much longer, to use your own words at the signing ceremony, you are "prepared to tolerate a situation of continuing violence".

In the light of the above, it is my further duty to warn you that the antagonism and sense of anger and frustration which already prevails in the province will be heightened when the recent discriminatory Public Order legislation comes into force, rendering unlawful what have hitherto been perfectly lawful and innocent activities of the citizen.

*Yours sincerely,
Jim Molyneux*

The Rt. Hon. Mrs Margaret Thatcher, MP.,
10 Downing Street,
London, SW1.