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Mr. Charles Haughey,
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Dublin.

Dear Prime Minister,

Please permit me to thank you for your earnest endeavour in saving the lives of countless Ulstermen and women. I am sure you realise that by seeking out and preventing the incessant flow of weapons and explosives into Ulster, you are effectively ensuring that Loyalist organisations will not seek vengeance in the Republic.

I have admired your determination and I note that your period in office is underlined by your attitude towards terrorism, and its defeat. You have shown more willingness than any of your predecessors to protect innocent lives in the border areas, and this has not gone unnoticed. Although we are poles apart in many aspects, and my ultimate goal is an independent Ulster for all classes and creeds, it does not lessen the respect I have for you. Yours is a difficult job, and there are times when you feel that you stand alone, but you possess the strength of character typical of Ulster stock.

Yours sincerely,

Andy Tyrie.