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June 29, 1999

Dear Mr. Jamison:

Thank you for your timely letter on Northern Ireland. The Irish-American Labor Coalition has consistently brought an important, positive perspective to our common goal of lasting peace and justice in Northern Ireland.

I share your frustration that the new government isn't closer to operation and want to emphasize my own determination to assist the governments and parties in achieving this; I very much appreciate your support in this important undertaking. I also am concerned at the prospect for violence at the time of the Drumcree march in early July and have encouraged Prime Minister Blair in his commendable initiative to seek a mediated solution.

Even as we seek to create the new executive and resolve the arms decommissioning impasse, I am impressed by what the political leaders in Northern Ireland have accomplished over the past year. The establishment of personal dialogues and a robust political debate are welcome signs that normal politics are taking root.

Again, thank you for writing and for sharing your concerns with me on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton

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*We're working
hard to save the
peace - keep your
fingers crossed*

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