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Lord Elton,
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Upper Balloo Road,
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Dear Lord Elton,

Thank you for your letter of 14th May regarding Trustee representation on the N.E. Board. I am grateful for the attention you have given this matter. I accept your decision.

I do not think that our numbers relative to those of Down and Connor will justify our demand for one of the two trustee representatives. So we will have to let the matter rest for the time being.

The overall situation is most depressing. With respect, I feel that Mrs. Thatcher has succeeded in putting the IRA back into business as regards recruits and support. Whilst the present policy may have short-term success, I fear that it will be disastrous in the long-term.

Nonetheless, I hope that you are keeping well.

Yours sincerely,

+ Edward Daly
Bishop of Derry