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TO: THE PRIME MINISTER,  
10, DOWNING STREET,  
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FROM: DR IAN PAISLEY M.P.

14 TH MAY 1981

DEAR PRIME MINISTER,  
WHEN IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT YOU HAD AGREED TO MEET MR JOHN HUME  
ON THE HUNGER STRIKE ISSUE I REQUESTED A MEETING WITH YOU IN ORDER  
TO PUT THE VIEWS OF THE MAJORITY PROTESTANT COMMUNITY ON THIS  
ISSUE AND THAT OF SECURITY.  
THIS MORNING I WAS ADVISED BY YOUR OFFICE THAT YOU WERE WILLING  
TO SEE ME BUT ONLY FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES. CONSIDERING THAT YOU  
ARE REPORTED TO HAVE GIVEN MR HUME, WHO IS NOT EVEN A MEMBER OF  
PARLIAMENT, SOME 60-90 MINUTES TO PUT THE CASE OF THE IRA  
MURDERERS I REGARD YOUR OFFER OF 15 MINUTES FOR ME TO MAKE  
REPRESENTATIONS ON BEHALF OF THE LAW ABIDING PROTESTANT COMMUNITY  
AS A CALCULATED INSULT.  
THEREFORE SINCE I WILL NOT HAVE THE CAUSE AND SUFFERINGS OF MY  
PEOPLE SLIGHTED IN THIS WAY I WILL NOT BE TAKING UP YOUR OFFER  
OF A FIFTEEN MINUTE MEETING. IF YOU CAN SPARE OVER ONE HOUR  
TO HEAR THE VIEWS OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY THEN THE  
VIEWS OF THE PROTESTANTS SHOULD BE REGARDED AS JUST AS IMPORTANT  
AND TREATED AS SUCH.  
THOUGH AT THIS TIME YOU HAVE CHOSEN NOT TO HEAR ADEQUATELY THE  
VIEWS OF ULSTER LOYALISTS YOU MOST CERTAINLY WILL HEAR THOSE  
VIEWS NEXT WEDNESDAY THROUGH THE BALLOT BOX.

YOURS SINCERELY,

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