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Statement

to Mrs

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Leader of the Ulster Popular Unionist Party

In view of the intense feelings of desperation and anger in Ulster, which could easily be precipitated into a state of civil war, if the P.O.I.R.A. continues its vicious sectarian campaign of slaughter, I demand that the Prime Minister should urgently call a meeting together at 10 Downing Street or elsewhere of the Ulster Unionist M.P.s with G.O.C. and the Chief Constable, to discuss new & stronger measures to defeat terrorism, which has cursed N.I. for over 12 years.



I also demand that The P.M. should forthwith arrange for an election to a Constitutional Convention in N.I. to bring about a devolved Parliament at Stormont.

This Government & Parliament at Stormont would have to be entrusted with responsibility for security.

It is imperative that Mr. Prior should be replaced as Secretary of State for N.I.

He has no credibility with the Ulster people.

He came unwillingly to N.I.

and his pronouncements since then have irreparably damaged his standing in the Province, and he is now generally disliked.



The Province is slipping into a
state of anarchy because
of the failure of the Government
to institute adequate security measures.

Many miles of the Border are left
without security for long periods of time,
and vast areas have fallen into
the hands of the IRA terrorists.

The Ulster people are not prepared
to tolerate this situation indefinitely.

Jim Kiefeder

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