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Sir Anthony Hart
Chairman, Historical Institutional Abuse Inquiry (Northern Ireland)
by Email

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Dear Sir Anthony,

HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE INQUIRY (NORTHERN IRELAND)

In light of the commitment from Her Majesty's Government to cooperate with the Historical Institutional Abuse (HIA) Inquiry to the utmost of their ability, officials in my department were tasked to assist the Inquiry with its investigation into Kincora.

I have been informed by my officials that the HIA Inquiry has reviewed all the material that the Cabinet Office has been able to find arising from the searches conducted using the search terms agreed with the Inquiry. This search covered the records of the Cabinet Office, including the Prime Minister's Office.

My officials have explained that the HIA Inquiry has reviewed that material in unredacted form and thereafter disclosed to the Inquiry copies of all the material sought from the Cabinet Office, which the Inquiry wished to publish. The disclosed material has been provided to the HIA Inquiry with only those redactions considered appropriate and agreed with the Inquiry.

I confirm that the Cabinet Office has endeavoured to assist the work of the HIA Inquiry to the best of its ability.

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