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* Martin + ~~Cliff~~

I'm still living abroad + although I hesitated to come back write this...

I keep seeing Let me say immediately that this is a letter of support for the work that you & Gerry + the team have been doing.

mit.

I get alot of coverage here on the world media of T. Blair's position. The death of the 3 black water soldiers + a one to come i was his engagement i that non-winable war the remarks of G. Bush as one German political commentator put it, Tony Blair has nowhere to go.

I see what's happening as the final ¹⁰ ~~50~~ yards of a two year old marathon.

He's nothing but absolutely nothing leading the he permitted to deter ^{from across the} ~~from across the~~ finish line. to bring peace + equality to our country years after so many lost lives years.

historic

It is because of this that if this is accepted, then engagement with them on any level is futile. I know now one of the things of whatever shade is doing precisely what they do - hesitate, prevaricate + hope that the future brings a better deal. It is because I am living out of the country + not close to the day-to-day work that you have been doing that I can say to you for this ~~the~~ moment is so historically

Gerry said

precisely that in a way + Michael said today on BBC Politics today.

position who waiting for a quid pro

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important that it may never ever arise again.
The time + tide of history does not wait.

Never has a British Prime Minister so desperately needed success. He ~~has~~ needs to be able to show that the peace process in Ireland leads the shows the way for Afghanistan, Iraq, Darfur and all the other areas ~~is~~ not least of all the Israeli/Palestinian conflict.

~~You'd ask you to forget engaging with Unionism.~~
~~no matter what they as they enter the~~

~~What I'm saying is, step across the track~~

~~The thing that is missing, I believe, is to go straight over the line~~

What I believe is necessary is for the yourself + Gerry + the rest of the team to to declare the Rep. Mavis final position without waiting to negotiate a quid pro quo

historical has left behind
 But this moment is far beyond the qualifications
 of Unionism. ^{unperspective of pain} That's why I believe it is
 futile to wait on them. engage with them
 or wait on them. Your constituency in
 this process is the Irish nation ^{which} of course ~~that~~
 includes the Unionists ~~people~~ of the North.

(I believe if you can step aside ^(from?) and do what
 you have (already) decided to do and
 declare your final position

I believe if you ^{that} + the team can ^{take the risk} lead without
 waiting for ~~permissions~~ from anyone
 guid- pr- gov agreements from
 anyone then <sup>agree
the
+ begin
now to</sup>

I believe what is needed now is for the
 Rep. Mov. to ^{this historic Irish} ~~cross~~ ^{declare} their
 position to the entire world + live with
 that risk. That your commitment + your
 policies will be recognized throughout the entire world as
 I know it is a great responsibility on your
 shoulders but you have overwhelming
 historical support. ~~and~~ There is no
 need at this moment of change
 the moment of change

It doesn't matter
the

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Dear Martin

Let me say immediately that this is a letter of support for the work that you, Gerry and the team have been doing.

I see what's happening as the final 10 yards of a 700 year old ~~marathon~~ journey.

Nothing, but absolutely nothing should be permitted to deter you, Gerry + the team from leading the Republican Movement across this historic finishing line to bring peace + equality to our country after so many lost years

Unionism of whatever shade is doing precisely what Unionism must do - hesitate, prevaricate and hope that the future brings a better deal. (in the form of a new dispensation in the British political arena)

But this historic moment has left behind (all) the qualifications of Unionism, irrespective of party.

That's why I believe it is ^{and dangerous} futile (to engage with them or) ^{to} wait on them. (There is ~~no~~ ^{no} ~~no~~ ^{no} your side, but this time will run out). Your

Sunday 7-11-04

Dear Martin,

This is a letter of support for the work that you, Gerry and the team have been doing politically since the suspension of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

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Nothing but absolutely nothing should be permitted to deter you, Gerry and the team from leading the Republican Movement across this historic finishing line to bring peace and equality to our country after so many lost years.

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But this historic moment has left behind all the qualifications of Unionism, irrespective of party.

That's why I believe that it is futile and dangerous to wait on them.

You have made your appeals to the British Prime Minister, Tony Blair and An Taoiseach, Bertie Ahern. They too must be left behind with little choice but to follow your historic lead.

Your constituency in this peace process is not only the Irish nation but the entire world, which of course includes the Unionists of the North.

Your lead will undoubtedly help the Middle-East peace process.

I believe that what is needed is for you, Gerry and the team to lead the Republican Movement across this historic finishing line and to have faith that your commitment and your policies will be recognised throughout the entire world as the moment of change.

This historic moment will then be beyond Unionism.

Once the Republican Movement has crossed that line in this historic journey, Unionism's or anyone else's qualifications do not matter.

The race will already have been won and the details of agreements or non-agreements will themselves be confined to history.

Brendan