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Dear Ms Doherty

**SUBMISSIONS ON BEHALF OF JFMR AND ARA**

I refer to our correspondence back in May this year when we confirmed our intention to provide the Clann Project's group submissions to the Commission by the end of September this year.

Since May, a steady stream of witnesses has continued to approach us seeking help in preparing witness statements for the Commission and so our work on this is still on-going. We have also sought legal advice from a group of Irish barristers to assist our submissions and their opinion is only going to be received at some stage in November. It is for these reasons that we have not been able to make our clients' submissions in accordance with the original timetable.

We are aware from comments made to witnesses who this summer appeared before the Confidential Committee in London that it is likely that at some point the Commission will seek more time to prepare its final report due to the sheer volume of evidence that it has to assimilate. On the assumption that this happens, we hope that no disadvantage will be suffered if our clients' submissions are delayed until later in the year. In any event, we intend to submit these before the Christmas break so they will be with the Commission well before next February if indeed that reporting date remains the same.

I write this letter as a courtesy and to keep you informed of how matters are proceeding. It would be very useful to us if, and or when, any request for more time is made, this information could be put on the Commission's website. It would also be useful to know whether, as was also indicated by the Confidential Committee in the summer, it is likely that it will be returning to London to hear the evidence of more witnesses.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely



Rod Baker