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Gentlemen:

Let me congratulate you on a job well done!

I was born and raised in Belfast and immigrated to the US in 1967, approximately two years before "the troubles" started, this time.

"The troubles" to me were something that happened in my grandfather's time, ancient history. I was raised in a Protestant neighborhood but went to school with both Protestants and Catholics. While Catholics seemed to live in one area and Protestants in another (in many cases only one or two streets away) it was never an issue of any kind as we were basically all playing in the same playgrounds, etc. The school you attended was decided by your parents and whether they wanted you to go across town or to the one nearest to your home. Academically, the 11 Plus Exam gave you the opportunity to be guided towards being prepared for University (and attending Grammar School) or for entering the work force (and attending Intermediate School).

In 1969 when everything hit the proverbial fan, people here would ask me to explain what was going on. I could not.

Over the years I have seen various programs about the sad situation in Northern Ireland and have always been upset at the one-sided views which were shown - usually showing the poorest neighborhoods possible.

Quite by accident I stumbled on your program a couple of nights ago about the **NORTHERN IRELAND CONFLICT**. If anyone ever wanted to know what the Irish problems are about, your program is the one to watch. It was wonderful to see such a balanced view, both in your interviews with people at various levels and the footage showing the Protestant and Catholic neighborhoods. Since I did not see the program in its entirety, I hope you plan on repeating it.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,
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