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**Meeting with Jane Kennedy, NIO Minister for Security  
November 2002**

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**Text for Consideration** – amendments to the policing legislation that the govt would consider bringing forward in certain circumstances (ie if republicans supported policing and put violence behind them).

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