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cc. PS/Michael Ancram (L, B&DENI) Mr Fell Mr Thomas Mr Bell TO/SECRETARY OF STREET (BAL) - B Mr Deverell Mr Watkins Mr Williams Mr Wood (L&B) Mr Brooker Mr Cooke RESERVED LANGE LANGE DONE PROVIDE DONE Mr Maccabe Mr Beeton awolded with the Chief Corstable) . Mr May

SECRETARY OF STATE (L&B)

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JOINT DECLARATION

May I say how greatly I appreciate, on behalf of all my colleagues in the office, your generous minute of 17 December about the work of those officials who had engaged in the negotiation, presentation and publication of the Joint Declaration. All of us are very grateful for the appreciative and encouraging terms in which you wrote. I am looking to my colleagues to distribute that message widely together with the extremely welcome minute from the Prime Minister expressing his own appreciation of your work and that of the office.

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2. I am conscious myself as well of the additional efforts which were required from those who took the strain of work displaced by those who were directly engaged; I thank them too, very warmly.

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