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FROM: PS/MICHAEL ANCRAM
7 January 1994

cc PS/Secretary of State (B&L) - B
PS/Michael Ancram (DENI, B&L) - B
PS/PUS (B&L) - B
PS/Mr Fell - B
Mr Thomas - B
Mr Bell - B
Mr Williams - B
Mr Watkins - B
Mr Wood (B&L) - B
Mr Daniell - B
Mr Maccabe - B
Mr Quinn - B
Mr Beeton - B
Mr Archer, RID - B
HMA Dublin - B
Mr Caine - B

Mr Brooker - B

ANCRAM ROUND - NEXT STEPS

Further to my note of 21 December 1993 and the subsequent letters which issued to the four party leaders under the Secretary of State's hand, I can now confirm that arrangements have been put in place for Michael Ancram to meet:-

- (i) the UUP (Messrs Empey, Donaldson and Nicholson) on Thursday 13 January at 13.30 hours in Stormont Castle;
- (ii) the APNI (Dr Alderdice and possibly Sean Neeson) on Tuesday 18 January at 11.00 hours in Stormont Castle.

2. Arrangements for meetings with the SDLP and the DUP will be notified to you as and when (or if!) they are firmed up. The Minister will be supported by Mr Maccabe, Mr Quinn and yourself and I should be grateful if each of you could be available 30 minutes prior to the commencement of each meeting. In the meantime, I

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should also be grateful if you would provide a written brief in advance of each meeting, identifying potential useful areas for discussion in the form perhaps of a (loose) agenda - see my note of 21 December 1993.

3. I should as always be happy to discuss as necessary.

Signed

KEITH JAGELMAN
PS/Michael Ancram

- PS/Michael Ancram (LAB) - 2
- Mr Thomas - 2
- Mr Bell - 2
- Mr Williams - 2
- Mr Dowerell - 2
- Mr Wood (LAB) - 2
- Mr Watkins - 2
- Mr Quinn - 2
- Mr Brooker - 2
- Mr Macnabe - 2
- Mr Leach - 2
- Mr Marsh - 2
- Mr Cairns - 2
- Mr Archer, RID - 2

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JOINT DECLARATION STOCKTAKE

As requested in your note of 5 January, I attach an annotated agenda for the Secretary of State's meeting next week. It covers a number of contingencies in terms of the Provisionals' response to the Joint Declaration and includes items for discussion under each.

2. To be considered alongside the items on the agenda will be key events in the coming weeks, in particular:-

TOPS for questions - 20 January;

James Coselman's Private Members motion on political development in Northern Ireland - 21 January;

The Intergovernmental Conference - 28 January.

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