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**FOLLOW-UP TO THE JOINT DECLARATION**

We discussed this morning various work that is either in hand or has just been commissioned. This note records, for the benefit of you and copy recipients, how we agreed to handle these pieces of work.

- (1) In response to a request from No 10, I shall today send them a copy of Mr Hume's statement, together with a brief covering letter suggesting that the Prime Minister might offer to meet Mr Hume next week. (The Secretary of State is also seeing if he can speak to Mr Hume on the phone today.)
- (2) The Secretary of State has slightly revised his letter to Mr Spring which will issue later today. I shall discuss with the Ambassador the best means of delivering it.
- (3) Mr Daniell will provide a draft letter from me to Rod Lyne, giving a brief tour d'horizon of reaction so far, key forthcoming events (such as Michael Ancram's discussions next week and the IGC), how we intend to maintain pressure on Sinn Fein (primarily by emphasising

the talks process) and what might be done in security terms if the IRA decide not to end the violence (ground already covered by my letter to Alex Allan of last week). This is intended to be a further interim report to the Prime Minister, rather than a full-blown strategy document for which we shall need rather more time (see (6) below). To meet the Prime Minister's weekend box, we shall need a draft by 5 pm on Thursday.

- (4) SIL will provide, to the same deadline, a briefing pack for the Prime Minister's interview with David Frost on Sunday. This can draw largely on existing material, updated to take account of this week's developments. (It will also usefully serve as briefing for the Secretary of State, whose first doorstep is likely to take place on Friday.)
- (5) I shall also send to No 10 the draft reply to the Taoiseach's letter of 30 December. (The Secretary of State has already toned down his draft of yesterday.)
- (6) Following Mr Fell's suggestion in his submission of 4 January, we shall be arranging a stocktake for next week - Mrs Denvir will be in touch about the arrangements. One of the commissions likely to flow from that meeting will be a fuller minute from the Secretary of State to the Prime Minister (for the following weekend's box) to inform a ministerial meeting which the Prime Minister plans to hold in the middle of the month. We agreed that for next week's internal NIO stocktake, it would be helpful if you or Mr Daniell would prepare an annotated agenda, which should be with us by close of play on Friday.

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