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15 December 1992

Dear Mark,

NORTHERN IRELAND: JOINT DECLARATION INITIATIVE WITH THE IRISH GOVERNMENT

This letter follows on from Roderic Lyne's of 14 December 1993.

Enclosed is a final text of the Joint Declaration, a note which will be placed in the Whips' Office today and other briefing material which you may find useful.

I am copying this letter to Private Secretaries of Cabinet Members, the Attorney General and Sir Robin Butler.

Yours sincerely, Siz Rogers

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