From: The Private Secretary



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Dear Alex,

We have received by fax an advanced copy of a letter from Congressman Joe Kennedy (delivered to HM Consul General in Boston, John Owen) commending the Prime Minister for opening channels of communication with Sinn Fein.

I suggest that you do no more than politely acknowledge receipt of the letter on the lines of the attached draft.

Yours,

JONATHAN STEPHENS

LETTER FOR SIGNATURE BY PS/PRIME MINISTER

Congressman Joseph Kennedy II 1208 Longworth Building WASHINGTON DC 20515-2108

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you warmly for your letter of 2 December, with its very welcome expression of support. He was most grateful to receive it.