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From the Private Secretary

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The Prime Minister has considered the Northern Ireland Secretary's minute of 11 March about his intention to bring the current talks about political development in Northern Ireland to a head. He is content with the way in which Mr Brooke intends to handle this and has signed the letter to the Taoiseach. I enclose a copy with this letter and am sending the top copy to the FCO for delivery this morning.

I am sending copies of this letter and enclosure to Richard Gozney (Foreign and Commonwealth Office), Simon Webb (Ministry of Defence), Colin Walters (Home Office), Juliet Wheldon (Law Officers' Department) and Sonia Phippard (Cabinet Office).

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