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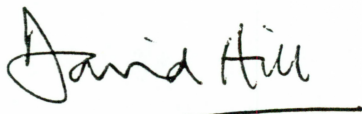
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MEETINGS IN LONDON AND DUBLIN

I had intended to bring details of the cost of holding Strand 2 meetings in London and Dublin to the Business Committee provisionally scheduled for this week, but in the absence of any such meeting I thought I should let you know the position in writing.

2. The net additional cost to the British Government arising from both these meetings together is estimated to be £130,000.
3. Perhaps I could also take this opportunity to explain that I authorised circulation of the "joining instructions" for the planned meeting in London, having been under the mistaken impression that the dates were agreed at the Business Committee meeting on 8 December. No doubt we will revert to this point on 12 January: meanwhile I trust the joining instructions will be helpful to colleagues in preparing for the London meeting, whenever it occurs.



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