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Office of Independent Chairmen
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Dear

Just a note to set out our position for today's plenary.

There may be a demand for debate on item 2A on the Agenda. While we would be concerned that this would lead to a deterioration of relationships, the same might be true of attempts to stifle debate. We shall therefore not attempt to obstruct debate.

However, debate or no debate, we believe that we must decide on a date for the recess and a return date, to be not later than 2nd June 1997.

With regard to access to these facilities, we fully accept that they cannot be used during either election campaign, but we will keep an open mind on other times.

Kind regards

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Vice President