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From the Private Secretary

24 July 1996

MIR HOLMES

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Dear Martin,

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After further discussion, the Prime Minister sent the attached letter to John Hume this morning. Hume subsequently telephoned to say that he had discussed it with Adams, who had taken it away to study further with his colleagues. He might return with some small amendments.

Hume asked about our attitude to the possibility of a meeting between Sinn Fein and officials. For his part, he saw its aim as being to finalise any text. But he would revert when he had a fuller response from Adams.

I am copying this letter to Jan Polley (Cabinet Office).

Yours ever

EDWARD OAKDEN

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