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LETTER FROM GERRY ADAMS

The Minister has seen a copy of John Holmes' letter to Ken Lindsay of today's date requesting advice on a letter received from Gerry Adams, on which I understand you are providing advice. The Minister has said:

"This is largely rhetoric for public consumption and says nothing new which hasn't been said many times before. It may have been done to "settle the troops" following GAC speculation. I do not think that it alters our analysis for Northern Ireland at all."

SIGNED:

A DULLAGHAN

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