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now***NO 10 REQUEST FOR DAILY SIT REPS ON TALKS**

You asked for advice on the request in John Holmes' letter of 3 September about Senator Mitchell for "a daily SITREP or something similar" about progress in the talks.

2. No 10 have not hitherto received our summary progress reports (or indeed fuller notes) of talks developments. We are of course quite content to put them on the circulation list for those. It would be helpful if the Private Office could undertake to transmit them to No 10 when they receive them. You might address the point in any letter in reply in the following terms:

We produce a substantial internal note of developments in the talks, which you would probably not wish to be burdened with, but also, generally, at daily intervals, a summary report on progress. It ought to be available by late morning of the following day, usually earlier. We will happily put you on the circulation list for such notes. When there are developments of particular importance to the draw to the Prime Minister's attention, of course, we shall continue to brief you specially.

(Signed)

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