

FROM: Angela Dullaghan
PS/Michael Ancram
9 September 1996

cc PS/Sir John Wheeler (B&L) - B
PS/Michael Ancram (B&L) - B
PS/PUS (B&L) - B
PS/Sir David Fell - B
Mr Thomas - B
Mr Legge - B
Mr Steele - B
Mr Bell - B
Mr Leach - B
Mr Watkins - B
Mr Stephens - B
Mr Hill (B&L) - B
Mr Lavery - B
Mr Maccabe - B
Mr Beeton - B
Mrs Collins - B
Ms Bharucha - B
Mr Whysall (B&L) - B
Mrs Mapstone - B

PS/Secretary of State (B&L) - B

TALKS: HMG OPENING STATEMENT

The Minister has seen a copy of Mrs Mapstone's note to you of 6 September with regard to the reference to framework on HMG's opening statement. The Minister believes the mention of frameworks in the context of our opening statement will be regarded as deliberately provocative. If we are seeking to provoke, well and good. The Minister believes that we should be seeking to encourage progress and that we should leave it out. It will come up soon enough within the strands.

Signed

ANGELA DULLAGHAN
Private Secretary