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From the Private Secretary

3 September 1996

Dear Ken,

SENATOR MITCHELL

We have now arranged a call on the Prime Minister for Senator Mitchell at 0900 on Thursday, 12 September, via our Embassy in Washington. I would be grateful if a brief could reach us by lunchtime on 11 September if at all possible.

This prompts me also to ask whether thought could be given to the provision of regular updates on the position at the talks, to enable me to follow them without badgering you and Robert Crawford endlessly on the telephone. I do not want to create unnecessary work. For example, I do not know whether the NIO already produce, for their own purposes, a daily SITREP or something similar, which I could receive and make sense of. Perhaps we could have a word about this.

I am copying this to Dominick Chilcott (Foreign and Commonwealth Office), Jan Polley (Cabinet Office) and Sir John Kerr (Washington).

Yours ever

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