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PS/Sir John Wheeler (L&B) - B  
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Ms Collins, Cabinet Office\*

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#### GETTING ON THE FAST TRACK: NEXT STEPS

Further to my submission of yesterday with this title, Mr Lindsay's note of today indicated that the Secretary of State was content that the draft papers I had attached should be put to the Irish, subject to Michael Ancram's views. I have accordingly spoken to the Minister of State, who is also content that the papers should be passed to the Irish this afternoon, subject to some drafting amendments.

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2. I therefore now attach revised drafts of the papers in the form in which they should be transmitted to the Irish (you have kindly placed a member of the Irish Secretariat team on stand-by to receive them). I also attach a note of points to make for you to deploy in handing the papers over. Given that the Irish official may not be immediately familiar with the issues, you may also wish (unusually) to hand over this note also, after you have spoken to it, to ensure that the message is correctly transmitted to Dublin.

3. Many thanks.

(Signed SJL)

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