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RESUMPTION OF THE TALKS: OUTLINE HANDLING PLAN

The Secretary of State was grateful for your submission of 8 August 1996, which set out the outline handling plan for the resumption of the Talks. The Secretary of State has also seen Mr Stephens' submission of 7 August on decommissioning and Mrs McNally's minute of 2 August to which was attached General de Chastelain's letter of 30 July.

2. The Secretary of State has commented that your submission is an excellent start and he agrees with it all. He would be grateful if Michael Ancram would take this forward with you while he is on leave.

Signed

ROBERT CRAWFORD
Private Secretary

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