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From the Private Secretary

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Dear Ken,

HUME/ADAMS INITIATIVE

John Hume called this afternoon to brief us on the state of play before his departure on leave (he returns at the end of August).

He had in fact little new to add to what he had told me on 8 August (my letter of that date). Adams had told him last night that he was still clearing the text with his political colleagues. Thereafter, he would take it to the IRA. He would complete this by the end of August, so that a response was awaiting Hume on the latter's return from leave.

Yours etc,

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