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From the Private Secretary

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See Peter.

NORTHERN IRELAND

... We spoke yesterday about the latest text from John Hume. I attach a self-explanatory fax I have sent to Paddy Teahon in Dublin. I should make clear that I have sent this to Dublin against the advice of the NIO, and without their explicit knowledge. In these circumstances, and given the relative lack of US interest at present, I suggest you do not pass the text to the Americans at the moment. But you may find it useful to have it in your pocket if and when they focus on Hume's activities and ask you what is going on.

Yours ever
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