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From the Private Secretary

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Dear Ken,

NORTH REPORT

Dr Paisley rang me early this afternoon to demand a meeting with the Prime Minister for the DUP to discuss the North Report. It was clear that he saw the report as the work of the devil. I said that Sir Patrick Mayhew was about to make a statement setting out our views on its recommendations. He was aware of this but was not to be deflected – it was a crucial issue for the future of the Province.

I would be grateful for advice on whether the Prime Minister should see Dr Paisley, in the light of the reactions to Sir Patrick's statement over the next two or three days. You can take it that the Prime Minister will not be in a hurry to see him unless he has to.

Yours ever

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