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From the Private Secretary

file
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Dear Ken,

BLOODY SUNDAY

John Hume rang me today to ask whether he could bring two family members from among the Bloody Sunday victims to see the Prime Minister. He was aware that this would not be easy but he wanted to show that ordinary political channels could play a role, rather than letting the extremists take over the campaign, as was happening at the moment.

I confirmed that I could see considerable difficulties in such a meeting but undertook to reflect and go back to Hume in due course. I would be grateful for rapid advice. One possibility would be a meeting with a NIO Minister, but you may think even this is best avoided.

Yours ever

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