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From the Private Secretary

7 February 1997

*Dear Ken,*

**LETTER FROM TRIMBLE**

I attach a copy of a letter to the Prime Minister from David Trimble, complaining that Reg Empey's ideas on Northern Ireland politicians working with the NIO on practical issues have been set aside, and that changes to the Northern Ireland Grand Committee are also being delayed. I would be grateful for advice and a draft reply, to reach here by close on **11 February**.

I am copying this letter and the attachment to Murdo Maclean (Chief Whip's Office).

*Yours  
John*

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