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Der John,

NORTHERN IRELAND: VIOLENCE

Thank you for your letter of 17 February enclosing a draft article for the Prime Minister.

We thought it was a good draft, and have some, mainly minor, comments on it. These are shown in the revised draft in bold.

You mentioned that the article might be published in one of the Northern Ireland newspapers; we agree with that. The Belfast Telegraph might be the best vehicle, or as you mentioned this morning, a Sunday newspaper. We imagine that you would want it to be published within the next few days but our respective Press Offices can liaise on that.

As with your letter, copies go to Jan Polley (Cabinet Office) and Veronica Sutherland in Dublin by fax.

Yours ever,

Ken

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