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From the Private Secretary

2 April 1997

Dear Wally,

... We spoke about the most recent exchanges with John Hume, following the letter sent to him by Sir Patrick Mayhew on 14 March. I now enclose, in case you have not seen it, a copy of a letter to John Hume from Gerry Adams, which John Hume gave to us a few days before Easter. As I explained, Michael Ancram subsequently met John Hume to discuss these "revised answers", to explain that we had already given our answers, and set out why the proposed revisions did not in any case accurately represent our policy. Michael Ancram then wrote to John Hume to confirm these points. I enclose a copy of this letter too. The exchange rests there for the moment.

Yours ever

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