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#### A WORD WITH JOHN HUME

John Hume took me aside in Castle Buildings at about noon today. He referred back to our telephone conversation last night. He said that we could now forget what he had said about the prospects of a ceasefire. In his judgement all that had been blown away by the nature of the document on Drumcree which had been leaked.

I asked him if he was saying that on behalf of Adams. No, he said, this was merely his own assessment.

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I asked him if he had seen the Secretary of State's statement which made clear that the document had not been endorsed by Ministers and that the Secretary of State had insisted that the full range of options be kept under review.

Mr Hume had not. But this led him to express his annoyance that having come to Stormont only for the purpose of meeting the Secretary of State as scheduled at noon, he had been told that the meeting had been cancelled. (I gather that it had not been cancelled and has indeed now taken place.)

(Signed)

QUENTIN THOMAS

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