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From the Prime Minister's Chief of Staff

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BY FAX

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Dear Ken,

DRAFT LETTER FROM QUENTIN THOMAS

I attach the Irish comments on the draft letter to Martin McGuinness. I have marked them in pen on the draft letter and also enclose Paddy Teahon's fax. I would be grateful for your reactions. The main problem as you will see is on prisoners.

I have also faxed it to the Prime Minister in Madrid and will let you have his views as soon as possible. We ought to aim to send the letter off today if possible.

I am also copying this to Ken Sutton in the Home Office for comments on the section on prisoners.

Yours ever

JONATHAN POWELL

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