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From the Prime Minister's Chief of Staff

9 July 1997

Dear Mr Sutton

LETTER TO SINN FEIN

The Prime Minister has some doubts about the paragraphs in this draft on prisoners. I attach a suggested re-draft. Can you confirm as soon as possible that you are content with these. His main worry is to ensure that we are not seen to be doing new things about Republican prisoners in response to Sinn Fein pressure or because we are desperate to achieve a ceasefire. He therefore wants to underline that what we have in mind is in line with normal practice and policies.

I am copying this letter to Ken Lindsay (Northern Ireland Office).

Yours

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