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From the Private Secretary

cf/ux Immediate

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David Kyle, NIO

*According to the latest from the Bloody Sunday
Justice Campaign, the families will now be here
on 2 June. Are you happy with X?*

Philip Barton

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X || Thank you for your letters of 15 and 23 May to the Prime Minister regarding the visit to Westminster by the families of some of those killed on 30 January 1972 in Londonderry. As I am sure you can imagine, the pressures on the Prime Minister's time at the moment are enormous. He will not, unfortunately, be able to meet the families on 2 June. The Prime Minister has, however, asked Dr Mowlam, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, to meet the relatives on his behalf.

Please rest assured that the Prime Minister is very aware of the continuing grief felt by the families of those killed. He is determined that the lessons of that day are not forgotten and to work with others to ensure that such a tragedy should never happen again.

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