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BLOODY SUNDAY

Your predecessor wrote to me in June telling me that his Government's assessment of the new material surrounding the events of "Bloody Sunday" and of the report of the Widgery Tribunal had been completed, and that a copy was being sent to me within the framework of the Inter-Governmental Conference.

I have now received this assessment and have passed it to my officials for an in-depth study. Mo Mowlam also recently met some of the relatives of those who were killed on 30 January 1972. She explained that she would be examining the material thoroughly. This will inevitably take some time, but we will be making a public statement on our findings.