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## ANNEX B

## TRANSFER OF PRISONERS TO NORTHERN IRELAND: LIAM McCOTTER AND GILBERT (DANNY) McNAMEE

Lines to take

- \* The transfer of prisoners to Northern Ireland is in accordance with long standing statutory provisions. Requests are considered individually on their own merits under criteria announced to Parliament on 23 November 1992.
- \* The Home Secretary has approved the transfer of Danny McNamee and Liam McCotter to Northern Ireland;
- \* The prisoners have each been granted a temporary transfer for an initial period not exceeding 6 months.
- \* While temporarily transferred to Northern Ireland they remain under the jurisdiction of the Home Secretary. Their release dates will not be affected by the move.

If needed

- \* This is not a reward for terrorism. The requests of the two prisoners have been approved because they meet the criteria applicable to all prisoners seeking such a transfer.
- \* Both prisoners were involved in the attempted escape from Whitemoor prison. All legal and disciplinary proceedings arising out of this incident have been concluded.
- \* The location of prisoners temporarily transferred is an operational matter for the receiving jurisdiction.

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