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FURTHER CONTACT WITH SINN FEIN

The message which Sinn Fein passed to us, through Mr Beeton, yesterday included the assertion that McGuinness had been told that the British Embassy in Dublin had told some people that I had been in touch with Sinn Fein.

2. This is just to record that I spoke to Mr Clarke at HM Embassy about this. He categorically denied this for the good and sufficient reasons that they were unaware that contact had taken place.

Signed

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