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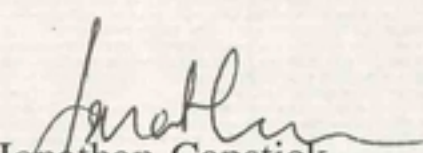
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*Dear Mark,*

The President has received the attached letter of 4 July from Gerry Adams, enclosing a copy of one to the Speaker, asking for a meeting to discuss his and Mr McGuinness's access to House of Commons facilities. You will see that the Speaker has responded in positive terms to the request for a meeting. If the President attended the meeting between the Speaker and Mr Adams it would of course be in her role as Leader of the House - not as a Government Minister - but this may be seen as an artificial distinction to the outside world. The President would therefore be grateful for the views of the Prime Minister and the Northern Ireland Secretary.

I am copying this to Ken Lindsay.

*Yours,*

  
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