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From the Private Secretary

17 July 1997

Dear Jonathan,

Your letter of 15 July asked for advice on a request that Mrs Taylor has received from Gerry Adams, for a meeting. Such a meeting would clearly be incompatible with the Government's policy of Ministers (and indeed currently officials) meeting Sinn Fein. Mrs Taylor should therefore decline to meet Gerry Adams.

I am copying this letter to Ken Lindsay (Northern Ireland Office).

Yours
Mark

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