

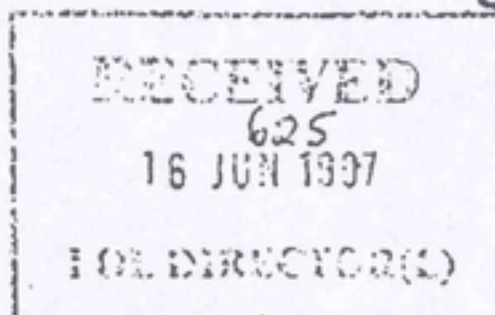
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(BY FAX)

Martin McGuinness MP
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Dear Martin

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 25/6.

As I mentioned on the phone yesterday, I am writing today to send you the attached Aide Memoire.

As you know the Prime Minister authorised our meetings to ensure there was no misunderstanding of our respective positions. The Aide Memoire makes clear the Government's position, in particular on the points Sinn Féin has raised in our meetings. We believe it answers the concerns you identified.

The Government plans to make its position clear in public, probably at the end of next week.

But, subject to events on the ground, a further meeting before then to enable us to go through the Aide Memoire and clarify any further points on either side could be arranged. We have already discussed the possibility of a meeting in the first half of next week. You may wish to say, through the usual channels, whether you want to take that up.

Yours sincerely

QUENTIN THOMAS