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Dear Ken,

NORTHERN IRELAND: A STRATEGY FOR THE SUMMER

My Secretary of State is conscious that, in the absence of a meeting of IN, some colleagues may not be aware of our strategy for Northern Ireland in the immediate weeks ahead. Consequently, I am copying to the Private Secretaries of members of IN the attached submission from Dr Mowlam to the Prime Minister.

The submission refers to two Annexes. Instead of the draft statement, I attach the actual communiqué which was issued on Tuesday following Dr Mowlam's meeting with Ray Burke in Dublin. As the Prime Minister has so far not written to Mr Trimble I am not attaching the holding reply referred to as Annex B.

I am also copying this letter to John Holmes and Jan Polley.

Yours ever,

Ken

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