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From the Private Secretary

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*Dear Ken,*

**NORTHERN IRELAND: CONSENT AND DECOMMISSIONING**

I attach a draft text on which I would be grateful for your immediate comments. I am showing it in parallel to the Prime Minister. I would like to get something to the Taoiseach's office today if at all possible, although the process has obviously been delayed by the events of the weekend.

I am sending a copy of this letter and enclosure to Jan Polley (Cabinet Office).

*Yours ever*  
*John*

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