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Any trace of a meeting between PM and Dr Mowlam on 30/7?

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Dear Philip,

When my Secretary of State met the Prime Minister on 30 July, he suggested that there should be a series of visits by Heads of State to Northern Ireland, the objective being to help bed-in the ceasefire and encourage the political process.

Dr. Mowlam fully supports this suggestion. Our own visits section here in Belfast is liaising with the FCO Visits Section to see if it is possible to arrange the visits around the Presidency but I think it may still require the imprimatur of No 10.

I am not sure whether anyone sat in on the meeting referred to above, but Dr Mowlam would be most grateful to know that the suggestion is being pursued wider than in the NIO.

*Yours ever,
Ken.*

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