## CONFIDENTIAL

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PRIME MINISTER

## NORTHERN IRELAND

I attach a pack of texts which you may need over the weekend:

- Your Newsletter article
- Your UTV interview
- Original Anglo-Irish text on consent and decommissioning
- New partial text on consent agreed with Trimble (and hopefully by the Irish)
- Draft procedural motion allowing the talks to move on to the substance.

As I said on the phone, I suggest that, if Trimble's Executive Committee tomorrow goes well, you speak to him tomorrow afternoon (Saturday) and, assuming that goes well, send him thereafter the rest of the Anglo-Irish text and the draft procedural motion. You will also need to urge him again to be more specific about what he is going to say and do (and put it in writing, if only in a personal letter to you).

On a small point, you can tell Trimble that his fears about renaming of the RUC are quite unfounded. References to a "Northern Ireland Police Service" are to the whole structure, including civilians, and is what the police themselves want. The RUC will live on.

We will no doubt be, in touch!

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