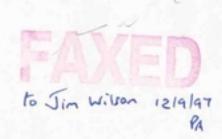
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From the Private Secretary

File 12 September 1997 (it of Class Medy) 16/9.

Dee David,

Following our conversation last night, I enclose the sentence on consent which we hope to agree with the Irish. We believe the essential point is there, expressed in a simple and comprehensible way.

As we discussed I am not in a position to let you have other bits of text at this stage. We also need to be clear in advance about what you will say and do, and when, if we can agree and release a text overnight Saturday/Sunday. So we will need to be in a position to exchange texts in the course of the next day or so. It may be a good idea for you and the Prime Minister to have a further word this evening about all this.

JOHN HOLMES

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