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From the Private Secretary

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Dear John,

Thank you for your letter to John Holmes of 4 August enclosing a draft reply from the Prime Minister to Dr Paisley's letter of 10 July about the lower Ormeau Road. The Prime Minister will not now be able to sign this until his return from holiday at the end of August. I would be grateful if you could consider then whether a reply is still necessary and, if so, whether any changes to the present draft are required.

Your ever, Philip PHILIP BARTON

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