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BILATERALS: TUESDAY 12 NOVEMBER

Bilaterals have been arranged for tomorrow Tuesday 12 November with the UUP at 10.30 am and the SDLP at 11.30 am (or whenever the UUP bilateral finishes). The PUP also wish to have a bilateral with the Secretary of State, and this has now been confirmed for 12.30 am. The Secretary of State has a meeting in Stormont Castle at 9.00 am and we expect him to be available for a pre-brief in Castle Buildings at 9.30 am.

2. As discussed, copy recipients will wish to know that the UUP/SDLP bilateral will not now take place until tomorrow afternoon. Although it would have been preferable for this to have taken place before the Secretary of State's meetings with those parties, you agreed that it would still be worth proceeding with the meetings arranged for tomorrow morning, to float the Alliance proposals etc.

Signed

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