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HUME/ADAMS INITIATIVE: JOHN HOLMES' LETTER OF 23 OCTOBER ON HIS DISCUSSION WITH TEAHON

The Minister has read John Holmes' letter to you dated 23 October reporting on his conversation with Teahon. With regard to the idea that a time period after a new ceasefire could be agreed privately the Minister agrees that it would not only be difficult but unsaleable and would, in any event, leak in Dublin.

(SIGNED)

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