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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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