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This note offers some very quick first thoughts on the piece of intelligence received today.

2. This is not an assessment of that intelligence. It may be a bluff, which we have seen before, intended for internal management purposes. But it would not be entirely surprising if it were not. Assuming it is accurate, what should we do?

3. I suggest our immediate priorities should be:

(a) to head off, if we can, a return to violence

(b) to preserve the political process so that it can continue to operate without Sinn Féin