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Agreed really

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John

I assume we should
say yes, quickly.

Philip 21/11

John
Angus

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REQUEST FOR TRANSFER TO NORTHERN IRELAND :
PATRICK MARTIN

The Home Secretary has considered a transfer request from this terrorist prisoner who was one of six men convicted on 2 July this year of conspiring to cause explosions at six large electrical sub-stations in the south-east of England owned by the National Grid Group.

Martin's request meets the transfer criteria of having at least six months left to serve and of having close family in the receiving jurisdiction. The Home Secretary has therefore decided to agree it. Northern Ireland have agreed to accept him. The transfer would be on a restricted basis so that there would be no effect on the length of time Martin would be expected to serve.

Subject to the views of the Prime Minister and the Northern Ireland Secretary, the Home Secretary's preference is for officials to inform Martin of this decision as soon as possible.

I am copying this letter to David Kyle (NIO).

Yours

David Redhouse

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