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Dear Ken,

**"BLOODY SUNDAY"**

The Defence Secretary was grateful to see a copy of Dr Mowlam's recent note to the Prime Minister. He agrees that making available to the public all the Government's papers on "Bloody Sunday" which were contemporary with the incident will require detailed consideration. We have intelligence papers which may still be sensitive and some of the documents will have to be scrutinised carefully because they relate to complex issues of legal liability.

Mr Robertson also believes that the draft statement requires a considerable amount of further work, though he is happy at this stage to leave that to the Cabinet Office ad hoc group. Officials here will be in touch with the Cabinet Office separately.

I am sending a copy of this to John Holmes (No 10) and Jan Polley (Cabinet Office).

Yours ever,

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