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Dear Adam,

**POLICE (NORTHERN IRELAND) BILL -
CLEARANCE FOR INTRODUCTION**

Thank you for your letter of earlier today.

In the exceptional circumstances of Northern Ireland, I am prepared to agree to the introduction of the Bill provided that the business managers in both Houses are entirely satisfied that they can accommodate the Bill satisfactorily within this session's programme.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, members of QFL, Leg and IN, and to Sir Robin Butler and First Parliamentary Counsel.

Yours ever,

David