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25/11**From: John Holmes**
Date: 23 November 1997**PRIME MINISTER****NORTHERN IRELAND**

I attach a revised version of the Heads of Agreement, trying to combine the best features of your and my drafts.

If you are content with this as a start, I suggest I send it to the NIO first thing tomorrow morning and ask for their comments, with a view to a meeting on Tuesday morning to thrash through the text and the issues, (including the latest intelligence). We need above all to decide how to clear a text with the parties and feed it into the talks process, before or at the Review Plenary on 1/2 December.

My idea would be to show a text quickly to Trimble, and for you to discuss it with him on the phone (any meeting will become public), making clear you do not expect him to be signed up to every word but that you need to be sure there is nothing completely impossible for him in there either. If his acquiescence could be agreed, we would then show it to the Irish Government and, if they could be signed up on the same basis as Trimble, to the SDLP. We would also involve Mitchell.

If all went well, we could then table it in the talks Review Plenary as our ideas, making no claims about others agreeing to it, but presenting it as what we see as an acceptable minimum for all sides.

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JOHN HOLMES

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