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Agreed welly,
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Prime Minister

REPATRIATION OF LIFE SENTENCE PRISONERS TO
THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

As you will recall, I have been considering a number of applications for repatriation to the Republic of Ireland submitted by prisoners convicted of terrorist related offences.

2 You will wish to know that on the basis of assurances received from the Republic of Ireland about the continued enforcement of the sentence, I have now agreed to the repatriation of a life sentence terrorist prisoner, Adrian Vincent Donnelly. I also intend to repatriate six other, non-terrorist life sentence prisoners, at the same time.

3 Subject to your views and those of Mo Mowlam, I intend to inform the prisoners of my decisions within the next few days. However we will need to consider carefully the handling of these decisions alongside those which I have made on the Balcombe Street tariffs and on the transfer request of Patrick Martin.

4 I am copying this minute to Mo Mowlam.

David R. [Signature]

26th November 1997

(approved by the Home Secretary and
signed in his absence)

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