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From the Private Secretary

Dear Ken,

PRISONER ISSUES: SMYTH: TIME SERVED

The Prime Minister has seen Dr Mowlam's minute of 10 December proposing that Smyth be given credit for the periods he spend in custody in the United States. Subject to the views of the Home Secretary, the Prime Minister is content with Dr Mowlam's proposal.

I am copying this to John Grant (Foreign and Commonwealth Office), Ken Sutton (Home Office) and Jan Polley (Cabinet Office).

Yours sincerely

JOHN HOLMES