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**JULIA EASTMAN**

**MEETING WITH SINN FEIN**

I thought it would be helpful if I set out on paper the arrangements for tomorrow's meeting with Sinn Fein.

Mrs Rita Restorick will arrive at the gates of Downing Street at about 1340. She will have her passport to identify herself. She should be shown into the Street.

I imagine the Irish delegation of eight will arrive a little before the meeting - perhaps as early as 1345. They are:

Gerry Adams  
Martin McGuinness  
Lucilita Bhreatnach  
Martin Ferris  
Richard McCauley  
Michelle Gildernew  
Siobhan O'Hanlon  
Eamon McCaughley

The policemen on the gate should check their names in the same way as they do for any other visitor to No.10. They will then walk up the Street towards the door. Mrs Restorick will give Gerry Adams a Christmas card on the way up.

At the front door, the Custodians should open the door to let them in. Quentin Thomas from the NIO and I will be there to receive them. All except Eamon McCaughley will be shown to the Cabinet Room for the meeting with the Prime Minister. Mr McCaughley should be offered a seat in the front hall for the duration of the meeting.

At the end of the meeting, the Sinn Fein delegation will leave the building and Gerry Adams will speak to the press in the Street. They will then walk out of Downing Street. They should not be readmitted to the Street once they have gone. (They may try to come back to do some further media work.)

If Dr Paisley tries to enter Downing Street the police on the gate should tell him politely that he cannot enter as he does not have an appointment with the Prime Minister.

Please could you ensure that the police are briefed accordingly.

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