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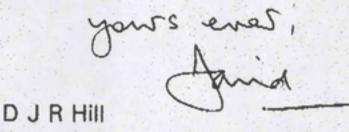
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Sear John

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As requested I attach a short background note and suggested lines to take.

We spoke about the current situation, but if you would like further details I can be contacted on 01247 454028 from about 9.00 pm.



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