



Northern Ireland Office
Block B,
Castle Buildings
Belfast BT4 3SG
Telephone: Belfast (01232) 520700

Top - JEM
cc PBO/r
AZ
RR
BUP

F.6
18/12.

John Holmes Esq
Private Secretary to the
Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
London
SW1A 2AA

16 December 1997

Dear John

MULTI-PARTY TALKS

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 ~~9.30~~ 10 pm.

yours ever,

D J R Hill
Constitutional and Political Division

cc: Mr Thomas
Mr Stephens
Mr Watkins
Mr Brooker