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From the Principal Private Secretary

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## DEVELOPING THE STORMONT ESTATE

The Prime Minister has seen Dr Mowlam's minute of 10 December. He thinks these ideas are excellent, and warmly endorses them. As you know, he remains very keen to see a series of major public events in Northern Ireland as the peace process moves on, to help give the people of Northern Ireland the feeling that something new and exciting is happening of which they are part.

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