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SUBJECT: BLOODY SUNDAY TRIBUNAL

Summary

1. Appointments of Hoyt and Dawson agreed. Instructions to inform Canadian and Australian governments and the three candidates.

Detail

2. The Prime Minister has today agreed the appointments of the Hon William Hoyt and Sir Daryl Dawson to the Bloody Sunday Tribunal. No date has yet been fixed for the public announcement but this is likely to be within the next week.

3. (For Ottawa and Canberra). Please inform your host governments and the two judges, emphasising that the news of the appointments should not become public until the formal announcement. We shall let you know when this will be as soon as it is decided. (Ottawa: please also thank the Prime Minister's Office for their help in identifying Hoyt).

4. Lord Savile would like to speak to Hoyt and Dawson. It would be helpful if you could provide addresses and telephone/fax contact details.

5. For your own information, we understand that Lord Savile wants to arrange a meeting with his Tribunal colleagues within the next week, either in London, or perhaps in Canada to reduce the overall travelling for the team. This is likely to be clearer once he has spoken to the two judges.

6. (For Wellington). Sir Edward Somers was sounded out by Lord Cooke of Thorndon, at the request of the Lord Chancellor. Please could you contact Sir Edward to thank him for his willingness to serve and to let him know that he will not now be required.

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