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PRIME MINISTER

Dear Tony,

13 FEBRUARY 1998

BLOODY SUNDAY ENQUIRY

I am grateful to Derry Irvine for copying me his letter of 10 February discussing the appointment of the two Commonwealth Judges who will assist Lord Saville with his Inquiry.

I think that having a Canadian and an antipodean will be quite useful presentationally and I am entirely happy to endorse Derry's choice of William Hoyt and Sir Daryl Dawson - particularly since Lord Saville appears happy to work with them. I also agree that we should move to make these appointments as soon as possible.

Derry suggests that Lord Saville would welcome a meeting with me. I am reluctant to do so. One of the allegations against Widgery relates to the interpretation of his meeting with Ted Heath when he was appointed. This is not necessarily a decisive argument against my doing so but on balance I think I should avoid a meeting. I am copying this minute to Derry Irvine, Robin Cook and Sir Richard Wilson.

MARJORIE MOWLAM

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