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From the Principal Private Secretary

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Dear David,

BRITISH-IRISH INTER-PARLIAMENTARY BODY

Thank you for your letter of 29 January. In principle, I agree that it would be good for the Prime Minister to address the BIIPB this year but, leaving aside the difficulty of justifying a trip to York for this, the dates proposed are in fact too close to the Labour Party Conference to make this practical. The Prime Minister is writing to David Winnick accordingly.

I am copying this letter to Ken Lindsay (Northern Ireland Office) and Veronica Sutherland (Dublin).

Yours
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