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HANDLING OF POSSIBLE FUTURE SINN FEIN PROTESTS AT BLOCK B

It is reassuring to know from your minute of 8 November that our existing plans for handling a Sinn Fein incursion at Castle Buildings are still valid.

2. Precisely how we handle a particular set of circumstances will of course depend on those circumstances, but I agree that at each stage we should do all we can to bind the Irish into the process.

3. In the event of a re-run of 10 June, if he is back on this side of the Atlantic I think there is no-one better than "nice Tony" (Beeton) - as he was described by at least one journalist - to invite Sinn Fein into the Buildings. Apart from the fact that he is a veteran of such engagements, his appearance at the gate ought to provide Mr Adams and his chums with the reassurance of a friendly face!

[signed CGM]

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