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## HUME/ADAMS - CONFIRMATION FROM NO 10

As requested, I telephoned John Holmes to confirm No 10's tasks as set out in the Handling Plan. John Holmes was happy to confirm (he has already spoken to Michael Ancram) that he will contact John Hume (although he will not be able to do this until after Cabinet), Paddy Teahon and Tony Lake. The Prime Minister will write to the President and our revised draft for this purpose will need to be with No 10 this morning (I believe Mr Hill and Mr Stephens have this in hand).

John advised that he is taking care of arranging a suitable supplementary to be played in during Prime Minister's questions, most

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probably via Andrew Hunter. I advised that we required a final version of the text by 12 midday, incorporating any amendments agreed at Cabinet, and John saw no difficulty with this.

Signed

ROBERT CRAWFORD Private Secretary