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Dear John,

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As we discussed this morning, I attach a draft letter to John Hume, amended largely to take account of the points made in your letter to me yesterday. I also attach a copy of the text amended as follows:

- the last sentence of the second paragraph has been omitted. Two words have been added to the second sentence of that paragraph to make it more conditional;
- the words 'at that stage' have been omitted from the end of the third paragraph of page 2.

I also attach a draft action plan, which is of course highly contingent because our response at each point depends on external events. Also, and equally contingently, I attach a draft statement in response to a declaration of a ceasefire, which might of course occur whether or not we deploy the Hume/Adams text. I should add that these last two documents have not yet been seen by Ministers, though produced by Mr Thomas after a meeting with the Secretary of State and Michael Ancram this morning.

Yours ever,

Ken

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