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From the Principal Private Secretary

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*Dear Paddy,*

We spoke about the draft indictment. The Prime Minister and the Taoiseach will need to speak tomorrow morning - we agreed to try at 0830 - about the difficult issue of the time of Sinn Fein's return. Meanwhile I have tried my hand at a redraft of the final paragraph of the indictment. This might be helpful for tomorrow's 'phone call. I should make clear that this has not been seen by the Prime Minister or cleared by him. I will show it to him overnight.

I understand from Jonathan Stephens that we are more or less there on the rest of the paper, with the exception of paragraph 19, where we remain keen to say that the Governments have concluded that Sinn Fein is in breach of the provisions of rule 29, or words to that effect.

*Yours ever  
John*

**JOHN HOLMES**

Mr Paddy Teahon