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Dear John,

CONVERSATION WITH MR TRIMBLE

The Secretary of State had a short conversation with David Trimble this afternoon, which she subsequently reported to you by phone. Dr Mowlam was reporting back to Mr Trimble on a number of security-related issues which he had raised with her earlier in the week. He then, apparently, made some remarks about how Dr Mowlam was on 'the other side' and how he had no faith in Mr Blair. He fully expected Sinn Fein to be back in the Talks on 9 March and for the Prime Minister to see them on 10 March. He himself was being challenged by Willie Ross on 24 March. He was, as Mr Maginnis had said earlier in the day, under severe pressure.

Yours ever,

Ken

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