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From the Principal Private Secretary

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*Dear Ken,*

REPUBLICAN VIOLENCE

Whether or not there is a settlement in the short-term, as we hope, this will provide a significant security challenge. The Prime Minister would be interested to see an account of how we plan to meet this challenge, in co-operation with the Irish Government, who have had some striking recent successes in finding bombs and weapons. It would be useful to have at least a preliminary view by Easter.

I am copying this to John Grant (Foreign and Commonwealth Office), Ken Sutton (Home Office), Tom McKane (Ministry of Defence) and Jan Polley (Cabinet Office).

*Yours  
John*

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