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From the Private Secretary

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Dear Gen.

SINN FEIN

Before the Irish party left yesterday, Paddy Teahon told me that Irish officials would be having a further meeting with Sinn Fein later this week. He did not specify a day. He implied that, whatever the differences between us over a date for Sinn Fein's entry into the talks, the Irish side would be pressing Sinn Fein hard to declare a ceasefire and use strong language in doing so. Teahon seemed incidentally reasonably relaxed about the scratchy nature of the discussions yesterday, and not too unhappy with the outcome.

I am copying this to Jan Polley (Cabinet Office) and Veronica Sutherland in Dublin (by fax).

Yours ever

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