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From the Private Secretary

8 December 1995

Dear Martin,

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO NORTHERN IRELAND

You should have received a copy of the attached manuscript letter from Martin Smyth, M.P. As you will see, he is inviting the Prime Minister to visit the Cardiology Unit at the Belfast City Hospital Trust.

I have not yet consulted the Prime Minister, but I imagine he would be sympathetic to the proposal if it fitted into the sort of programme which the NIO had in mind. As it happened, John Chilcot and I discussed the possibility of a hospital visit, though I was thinking more in terms of cheering up some children at Christmas time.

I would be grateful for your advice and a draft reply to Martin Smyth.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Sir John Chilcot.

*Yours etc,
Roderic*

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