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FROM PRIVATE SECRETARY

YOUR TELNO 244: GERRY ADAMS

1. As recommended in TUR, the Foreign Secretary telephoned Warren Christopher on the morning of 29 January.

2. Christopher said that his own analysis of Adams's public statements was that, although skilfully worded, they fell short of the two conditions which had been set. He hoped this would prove conclusive in the Washington debate, but there was strong political pressure from Senators Mitchell, Kennedy, Moynihan and others. So further discussion could be expected.

3. The Foreign Secretary said that our analysis was the same as Christopher's. It would be unhelpful in terms of our efforts for the joint declaration to place an over-generous interpretation on Adams's words.

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