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From the Private Secretary

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Dear Jonathan

ADAMS/USA: CONTINGENCY PRESS LINE

I have sent out separately an account of my telephone conversation with Lake at 2200 today.

If Adams now weasels his way into the United States, we shall need a press line. I attach a basic line for your consideration. It would of course need to be adjusted to the circumstances.

The question and answer lines attached to my letter of 27 January would still apply, save that we would probably not wish to describe the US requirement as "a very significant commitment from Gerry Adams".

If you have any comments, please feed them to the No 10 Duty Clerk.

I am sending copies of this letter and its enclosure to John Sawers (Foreign and Commonwealth Office) via the Resident Clerk, Peter Bean (British Embassy, Washington), Joan MacNaughton (Home Office), Melanie Leech (Cabinet Office) and to Christine Laidlaw in the No 10 Press Office.

Yours ever

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**DRAFT PRESS LINE FOR USE IF ADAMS IS
ADMITTED TO THE UNITED STATES**

Gerry Adams has said that he wants to end violence and to embrace the Joint Declaration.

It is on that basis, we understand, that he is being admitted to the United States.

Sinn Fein and the IRA will be judged by their deeds.

We trust that Mr Adams will now bring about an immediate and permanent end to violence in accordance with the Joint Declaration.

Question and Answer

Do you consider that Adams has now accepted the Joint Declaration?

We of course hope this means that Sinn Fein and the IRA have accepted the Joint Declaration, and have decided to end violence and enter the democratic process. That is clearly what the US Government wanted to hear from Gerry Adams, and he has made a statement which conveys that impression. We shall judge him by his actions.

[Other Q and As: draw on lines prepared on 27 January.]