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Dears John:

Just to confirm that the Secretary of State will be pleased to see you and the other three party leaders in Stormont Castle at 9.30 am on Monday, 2 March.

The Secretary of State has asked me to say that, unfortunately, Mr Needham will not now be able to attend the meeting. However, he will be supported by senior officials from Mr Needham's Department. The Minister of State, Dr Mawhinney, will also be present.

I am writing similarly to Dr Paisley, Mr Molyneaux and Mr Hume.

Tam mices

David Ferguson

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