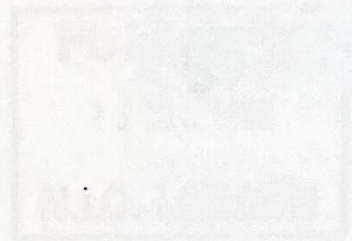


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13 December 1990
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DRAFT LETTER FOR SIGNATURE BY SIR CHARLES POWELL KCMG

POLITICAL MOVEMENT AND THE PROVISIONALS

As I expect you recall the Secretary of State held a meeting on
Mr G Adams MP discuss this subject. He agreed that a note
51/55 Falls Road on what happened in Cyprus/East Africa when
Belfast Government allowed amnesties to erstwhile terrorists
BT12 4PD 4(K) of the Private Secretary's note of
14 September).

2. In his minute of 17 October Sir John Stalton agreed with the
proposal in my minute of 13 September that Sir, in consultation
with the FCO should carry this forward. In fact following a
discussion with Mr Cooke, Mr Richard and Mr Halliwell, Mr Halliwell,
I am writing to say that your letter of 28 November has been
received and its contents noted. I am enclosing the attached
note on colonial experience.

3. Further work could of course be carried out on this, whether
through Sir or by Mr Richard, subject to Sir Stalton's evidence,
as part of the package of work which he has in mind on this
subject.

4. An obvious next step, for example, might be to work up a
paper on the subject of amnesties, and whether we should
do so, in the context of the wider question of amnesties
with a glance also at the implications for prisoners in Great
Britain. At some point such work would probably need to
involve either the Home Office or Criminal Justice Branch and/or
Foreign Department.

5. Obviously I and Sir would be ready to assist in carrying any
of this work further forward, but, unless and until further
instructed, can I take it that this work has been discharged?

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