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MEETING ON NORTHERN IRELAND, 17 NOVEMBER

PS/Secretary of State (L) [1]

The Prime Minister held an informal meeting on Northern Ireland on the afternoon of 17 November, for about an hour, with your Secretary of State, the Foreign Secretary, John Chilcot and Sir Robin Butler.

JOINT DECLARATION: CIRCULATION OF PAPERS

The meeting discussed the latest intelligence on the IRA, including the IRA's reactions to the Prime Minister's Guildhall speech and his views on the

Please note that PS/Mr Fell should now be included in the circulation lists for Joint Declaration papers.

The Prime Minister then turned to the papers enclosed with your letter of 12 November. Sir Patrick Mayhew had described his meeting with Archbishop Eames, and the message subsequently received by you from Eames about amendments to JD13 which Eames had discussed with the Taoiseach.

It was agreed that there were considerable attractions in the idea of putting forward a text of our own for a joint statement or communique on the

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... the draft joint statement in detail, and suggested a number of amendments. It was agreed that the NIO would produce a revised draft before the next ministerial meeting.