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Jean Martin,

I have asked David Blatherwick if he could kindly pass this letter and its enclosure to you, and give a copy also to Sean O hUiggin.

The Prime Minister was very grateful to the Taoiseach for the time which he gave me late on Friday evening. I gave him a full report as soon as I returned on Saturday. Now is not the place for me to go further into substance, save to say that we shall obviously continue to work as rapidly as possible in moving through the sequence which I described. One additional element is that I understand that Archbishop Eames may be seeking to have a further discussion with the Taoiseach before he comes to see the Prime Minister.

May I add to the Prime Minister's appreciation my own thanks to you and Sean for your time and your hospitality, including a dinner the excellence of which I did not fail to notice despite the invigorating conversation accompanying it?

Later this evening, the Prime Minister will be delivering a strong statement on Northern Ireland as a substantial part of his speech to the Lord Mayor's Banquet. I enclose the relevant part of his advance text. You may wish to pass a copy to the Taoiseach. The Prime Minister drafted this passage in the light of my report, and specifically of some of the views you expressed. As you will see, he addresses in the most explicit form the importance of the opportunity for peace, and the fact that we are "actively seeking a framework to deliver peace, stability and reconciliation".

Please keep in touch as things develop in the run up to the bilateral summit and beyond. The Prime Minister is in no doubt of the importance of our Governments continuing to work together, which, as you know, he asked me to emphasise on Friday. If there are developments which cause concern on

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one side or the other, we should communicate directly and quickly - and not, I hope, pay too much attention to the press, much of whose speculation is at the moment distinctly unhelpful.

Yours truly,

Roderic Lyne

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