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SECRETARY OF STATE'S MINISTERS CASE

Reference : SOS/00842/93
Raised By : LORD MAYOR REG EMPEY
Subject : THE QUESTION OF A "DECLARATION"

ACTION REQUIRED

1. Please provide advice and draft reply for Secretary of State's signature no later than 13/12/1993.
2. Draft reply to be provided by :
 1. MR D COOKE, SIL
3. Reply to be co-ordinated with MR D COOKE, SIL.
4. Circulated to :-
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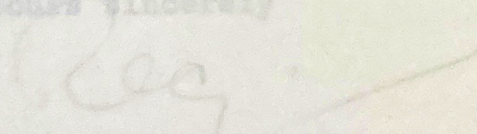
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I think we understand the many pressures upon the Prime Minister. He has the pressure that terrorism itself creates; the consequences of the Northern Ireland budget, and the international ramifications of the continuing conflict here. If we were absolutely satisfied about Her Majesty's Government's attitude on the question of a 'declaration', I don't doubt that we could say and do things which would ease pressure on the Prime Minister.

I do hope we won't be shut out as in 1985, as we can, and must, be part of a successful outcome to the political negotiations.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely

 REG EMPEY (Hon)