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MEETING BETWEEN THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE TAOISEACH IN DUBLIN,
3 DECEMBER

I enclose the Northern Ireland Office briefing for this meeting.

This comprises:

- speaking notes for the Press Conference
- overall objectives
- the handling of NIO topics (including speaking points on the exchanges between HMG and the IRA, and today's notes for supplementaries on the corrections to the dossier of messages between HMG and the IRA)

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- speaking points for the initial tete-a-tete (including an Appendix with the approved version of Archbishop Eames' position, and relevant press cuttings)
- a brief on the Joint Declaration (with marked up texts)
- a brief on the Talks process
- a brief on security co-operation
- bull points on social and economic issues
- a background brief prepared in Northern Ireland on the Northern Ireland political scene.

A brief has been provided separately through Sir Robin Butler's office on intelligence matters.

I am copying this letter to John Sawers and Melanie Leech.

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