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* We discussed. You will cover these points in the draft letter you are providing.

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From the Private Secretary

31 December 1993

Dear Mr. [Name]

JOINT DECLARATION: FOLLOW-UP ACTION

The Prime Minister was grateful for your letter of 29 December and the associated notes.

The Prime Minister wonders whether the Government could persuade the church leaders in Ireland to issue a Joint Declaration themselves in support of the two Governments' Declaration. The Prime Minister would be quite keen to pursue this, if your Secretary of State considered it feasible and worthwhile.

Turning to the IRA, the Prime Minister appreciates that a resumption of the talks process will itself increase pressure on the IRA, but he would be grateful to know what other measures might be taken to this end.

I am copying this letter to John Sawers (Foreign and Commonwealth Office) and Melanie Leech (Cabinet Office).

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