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cc: Mr Brooker
Mr Leach, SPOB1 -B
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Mr Beeton, SIL -B
Mrs McNally

MR DANIELL, SIL -B
MR MAXWELL, CENT SEC -B
MR PERRY, SPOB1 -B

PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTION: 21 JANUARY 1994

The purpose of this note is to commission briefing material in the form of bull points/lines to take for use during a debate on a Private Member's motion on Northern Ireland which is to take place on Friday 21 January 1994. I would be grateful to receive contributions by the end of Tuesday 18 January.

2. James Couchman MP has tabled the following motion (with the agreement of the Secretary of State):

"That this House welcomes and supports the insistent demand of the people of all traditions in Northern Ireland for peace, properly attained, and asserts its abhorrence and rejection of all violence, from whatever quarter, used in the place of democratic persuasion".

3. The debate will run from approximately 9.30 am to 2.30 pm and will take place the day after NIO is TOPs for oral questions and the Northern Ireland Committee considers Health and Social Services in Northern Ireland. It provides an opportunity for a big political debate on Northern Ireland and the Secretary of State plans to make a major speech.

4. We expect the debate to focus on political issues including the Joint Declaration (Mr Daniell) but also to touch on security issues, such as recent calls by Mr Molyneaux for a security clampdown on the

IRA following a rejection of the Joint Declaration. Therefore I would be grateful if Mr Perry could provide a line to take on this and other relevant security issues. It should be possible to draw on existing current material.

5. I would also be grateful if Mr Maxwell could provide a page or so of bull points/lines to take on good news on the economic front to emphasise the enhanced prospects if there was a cessation of violence. For example, the recent announcement of a reduction in unemployment in Northern Ireland for the first time in two and a half years and recent inward investment projects.

signed GH

Mr Williams - B
Mr Wood (LAD) - B
Mr Daniell - B
Mr Macdonald - B
Mr Brearley - B
Mr Calne - B
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Because Mr Concheen wished to table his motion tonight, the Secretary of State has agreed the following motion:

"That this House welcomes and supports the insistence of the people of all traditions in Northern Ireland for peace, properly attained, and asserts its abhorrence and rejection of all violence, from whatever quarter, used in place of democratic persuasion."

2. The Whips' office are content with this motion and it has now been passed to Mr Concheen.

SIGNED

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13 January 1994

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