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JOINT DECLARATION STOCKTAKE

As requested in your note of 5 January, I attach an annotated agenda for the Secretary of State's meeting next week. It covers a number of contingencies in terms of the Provisionals' response to the Joint Declaration and includes items for discussion under each.

2. To be considered alongside the items on the agenda will be key events in the coming weeks, in particular:-

TOPS for questions - 20 January;

James Couchman's Private Members motion on political development in Northern Ireland - 21 January;

The Intergovernmental Conference - 28 January.

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3. Also, whatever scenario applies, the bilateral talks with the constitutional parties will be under way and the Secretary of State has written to the Tanaiste impressing upon him the importance of taking forward the talks process and work on a 'framework' paper.

(signed)

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POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT/JOINT DECLARATION

ANNOTATED AGENDA FOR STRATEGY MEETING

1. Review of current position:-

The Provisionals;

the constitutional parties and the community in Northern Ireland;

the Irish Government.

2. Assuming the Provisionals continue not to respond:-

means of exerting pressure on PIRA/SF - business as usual, press ahead with political talks, stress futility of terrorist campaign - road to nowhere etc;

mobilise nationalist community, including the Church in support of the Declaration;

dealing with <u>demands for</u>
clarification and the <u>Adams</u>
letter, if it arrives options for clarification
without direct contact or
negotiation?

the possibility of John Hume or Sinn Fein publishing details of the Hume/Adams dialogue;

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response? The PM said "I can be patient for a little while but I am not going to put a date on it. I think a brief period of patience is worthwhile";

At what point do we assume the answer is 'No' - need to consult with the Irish;

What if a major atrocity?

Implications for security policy.

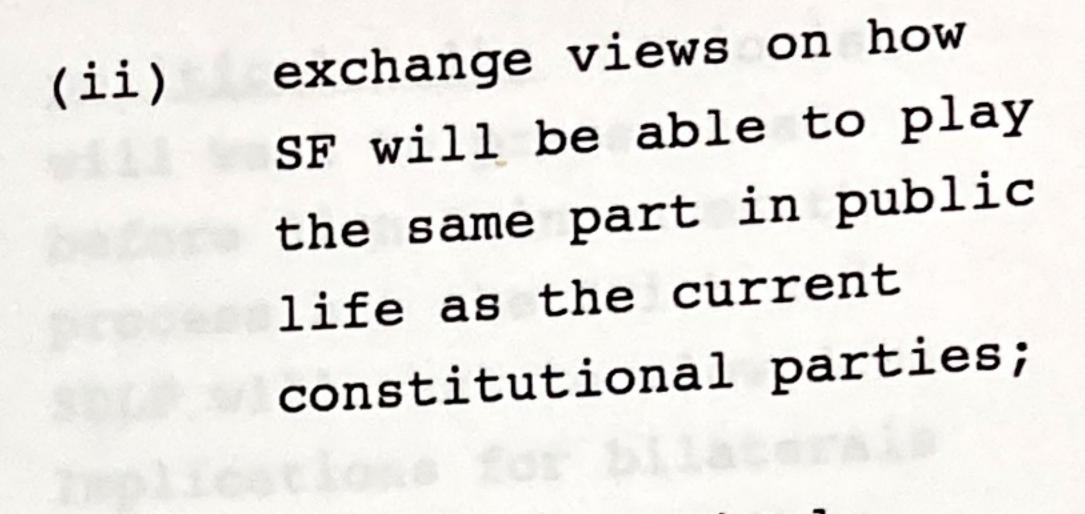
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- 3. A fudged response from the Provisionals:-
- 4. A temporary ceasefire accompanied by a request for further clarification of the document:-
- 5. If the answer is 'Yes':-

dialogue within 3 months to:-

(i) explore the basis upon
 which SF enters the
 talks process;



sooner than that, consider ending broadcasting restrictions and revoking exclusion orders; changing access to government rules;

monitoring procedures - to report on what is happening on the ground and satisfy ourselves that the cessation of violence is genuinely permanent;

procedures by which PIRA gives up its arms;

constituently.

implications - cover security
force profile etc.

6. If the answer is 'No':-

political talks - Unionists
will want to press ahead
before Sinn Fein enter the
process but the Irish and
SDLP will want to slow down.
Implications for bilaterals
with parties and possible
liaison group work;

Joint Declaration still
stands - doors remain open exploit continuing doubts in
the Provisional movement
about their campaign;

Press ahead with all strands of political agenda;

Press Irish on range of security co-operation measures;

On security, consider policy measures, legislative framework, information strategy etc. But recognise that they will not produce immediate dramatic effect;

Maintain goodwill engendered by the Declaration with the Irish Government and overseas Governments;

'Westminster' and the GB constituency.

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