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JOINT DECLARATION INITIATIVE: PRIME MINISTER'S MEETING WITH MR MOLYNEAUX

At his meeting on the Joint Declaration Initiative on 30 September the Prime Minister indicated that he would seek to reassure Mr Molyneaux as to HMG's intentions in the wake of intense public speculation about the Hume/Adams démarche. I understand that this conversation will probably take place in Blackpool later this week and I attach a draft letter from you to Roderic Lyne covering a script for the Prime Minister to use.

2. The main points we are suggesting the Prime Minister covers include:

- HMG not fully in the picture itself - waiting information from Irish Government
- Duty to give serious consideration to anything which may offer an opportunity for peace

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- HMG has interests of the people of Northern Ireland at the front of its mind
- This is a time for great discretion - if anything develops will speak to you again
- Not at this time briefing other Northern Ireland party leaders, including Dr Paisley.

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