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Dear Roderic,

Northern Ireland: Message to the Taoiseach and the
Lord Mayor's Banquet Speech

As I confirmed to you on the telephoned, the Foreign Secretary is content with the proposed message from the Prime Minister to the Taoiseach that you will be delivering later today.

The Foreign Secretary had one or two thoughts on the Lord Mayor's Banquet Speech in addition to those proposed by Graham Archer, with which he agrees and which you already have. The extra points are:

- paragraph 3, add new second sentence: "After the killings of recent weeks, each community feels it is looking into an abyss."
- paragraph 10, first two sentences to read: "I shall not raise false hopes or set deadlines. We need a permanent cessation of violence and we need to move steadily towards a full resumption of the political talks". (The Foreign Secretary attaches importance to linking the twin tracks firmly together in this way.)

I am copying this letter to Jonathan Stephens,
Northern Ireland Office.

Yours ever,

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