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Mr Legge
Mr Williams
Mr Brooker
Mr Cooke
Mr May

DRAFT STATEMENT

I attach the text which, as I understand it, has now been agreed between the two sides.

2. The precise time of its issue is, and is likely to remain, uncertain until shortly before it happens. It will probably be around 5pm. The idea is that we should receive a little notice of its issue so that we can contact some key opinion formers to ensure they learn of it from us.

3. I have asked Mr Williams and Mr May to give a little thought as to who should be contacted and which should be approached by PAB and which by Secretary of State.

4. Mr Cooke has in hand briefing with a wider circulation list. This has been prepared for all Cabinet members, but will also be useful within the office. He is also preparing a line etc. for posts abroad.

5. Mr Lyne said that No.10 expected to run with the story tonight and tomorrow morning. The Prime Minister may do a number of interviews and is contemplating, for example,

appearing on tomorrow's Radio 4 Today programme. He suggests that the Secretary of State may wish to pick up the ball thereafter.

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