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Prime Minister

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NIO brief below: but you won't be using a brief. More a question of feeling your way through, e.g.:

1. — fully understand the pressures on you. Don't want Paisley to outflank you.
  - trust between us a vital element
  - mean what I say when I repeat the constitutional guarantee. Not just because I'm a unionist. Imposing a settlement of whatever kind would never be viable.
2. — one day, sooner or maybe later, IRA will give up or run out of steam. As happened before.
  - without being naive, I want that day to come, for N.Ireland's sake and Britain's.
  - therefore want to put IRA under pressure, to make it come sooner.
  - not much doubt that some key figures in PIRA would like to find a way out, if they could. You've seen evidence.
  - but what we don't know, and must doubt, is whether PIRA leaders can call off their dogs without real concessions — i.e. in exchange for the sort of words, and the eventual route into the democratic process, which you and I are prepared to accept.
3. — our challenge, and pressures from within, were putting PIRA on the spot. Signs of internal debate and division — probably quite vicious.

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- but Hume/Adams cuts across this. Allows Adams to appear on the side of the peacemakers / to put <sup>proposals</sup> ~~questions~~ to us.
  - and Reynolds, frankly, has not been skilful. Raised expectations / hype / leaks about the Summit / trying to force the pace. Then last Friday's accidental leak.
4. - Where do we go from here?
- of course, press firmly ahead with Ancren's bilateral talks.
  - must also put PIRA on the defensive. Force them into a choice of either being seen to turn peace down; or dividing; or accepting ~~to~~ without any points of principle conceded.
5. - how?
- must separate any initiative by the governments from Hume/Adams.
  - after recent events, difficult to do this on basis of the Reynolds Joint Declaration which you have seen.
  - right to assume you would regard that text as tainted, even if we could persuade Reynolds to drop paras. 9-11?
6. - have therefore decided to give Reynolds instead a new Britain text. Our language.
- [Then pick up thrust of NIO paras 6-13].

Rodent.