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**EXTRACTS FROM PUBLIC STATEMENTS ABOUT THE
JOINT DECLARATION**

Archbishop of Canterbury

"It is my prayer that this courageous Declaration will be followed by a complete end to violence ... It could open up pathways to reconciliation, trust and mutual respect between the different traditions of Ireland and between all the people of the British Isles."

Dr Robin Eames, Archbishop of Armagh and Anglican Primate of All Ireland

"It's a balanced document ... I think it's very very fair in certain places to those who had tremendous apprehension before it was published and to a very real extent I think it addresses deep, deep feelings in the Protestant community. ... On the whole, I believe that it is a courageous attempt to face the realities of the political situation in Northern Ireland ... [I] appeal to everyone to calmly read this document ... the process of reconciliation and stability in Northern Ireland is going to involve give and take."

"The document is ... one of the clearest attempts for many many years ... which is holding out the possibility to [the Paramilitaries] that they can make their points politically without the use of arms."!

Joint Statement by the Roman Catholic Archbishop and Anglican Bishop of
Liverpool (Archbishop Derek Worlock and Bishop David Sheppard)

"We warmly welcome the courage, perseverance and vision of the Prime Minister and the Taoiseach ... We hear often enough the words "give peace a chance". Now this must be put to the test ... We pray God that success may attend this brave joint initiative."

President Clinton

"I am especially heartened that, in the words of Prime Minister Major, the framework 'closes no doors except the door to violence'. We hope that all parties will be inspired by the vision Mr Reynolds and Mr Major have shown."

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During his meeting with the Prime Minister on 15 December, Andrew Hunter MP expressed some tentative concern about his own personal security. He said that he would be adopting a higher profile in the coming weeks, and making a number of visits to Northern Ireland to speak to Unionist branches.

Hunter then said, fairly lightly, that - depending rather on the way things went - people had suggested that he might become a target for the IRA. Two of his last predecessors had been Airey Neave and Ian Gow. If so, he might need some official advice or help over his personal security.

He did not press the request, but was just putting down a marker which did not oblige the Prime Minister to react specifically.

I am not quite sure which way to channel this, so I pass the buck to you. It might do no harm for the Security Service to give Hunter a briefing, and to do their standard threat assessment procedures on him. Is this perhaps something which Jane Rowell could arrange?

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