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From the Private Secretary

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Following your conversation with him this morning, the Prime Minister has asked me to send you the enclosed papers.

The first paper is the text of the Joint Declaration. In a prudent way, we are keeping this text under wraps until the Prime Minister and the Taoiseach step out into Downing Street towards noon. Assuming that there are no slips between cup and lip, this should be the final text of the Joint Declaration.

I also enclose the private briefing notes which the Prime Minister mentioned to you.

**RODERIC LYNE**

His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury