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PRIME MINISTER

AMENDMENTS TO JOINT DECLARATION

Paragraph 4

Fourth sentence to read: "The role of the British Government will be to encourage, facilitate and enable the achievement ..."

Fifth sentence to read: "They accept that such agreement may, as of right, take the form of agreed structures for the island as a whole, including a united Ireland achieved by peaceful means on the following basis. The British Government agree that ..."

Paragraph 10 onwards

Paragraph 10 The British and Irish Governments reiterate that all democratically mandated parties, who have shown that they abide permanently and exclusively by the democratic political process, are free to participate fully in democratic politics. The Prime Minister and the Taoiseach confirm that, following a renunciation of violence, Sinn Fein would be free in due course to join in dialogue between the Governments and the other political parties on the way ahead.

Paragraph 11 The British Government confirm that they would be prepared to enter preliminary exploratory dialogue within three months on that basis.

Paragraph 12 The Irish Government would make their own arrangements within their jurisdiction to enable democratic parties to consult together and share in dialogue about the future. The Taoiseach's intention is that these

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arrangements could include [for the purpose of advising the Irish Government] the establishment, in consultation with other parties, of a Forum for Peace and Reconciliation.

New paragraph 11 now becomes paragraph 13.

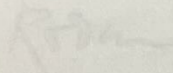
I told him that we hoped the exercise would come to fruition around noon tomorrow, though we were saying nothing until it happened.

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Eames asked me to "say God speed to John Major".

Eames will be at Lambeth Palace tomorrow evening. I told him that we would get a copy of the John Declaration across first, if it was published. He said that the media would be on to him very fast, and that he would need to clear his mind on what to say. I said that it would be enormously helpful, if we succeeded in the exercise, to have some encouraging comments from Eames on the lunch-time news broadcasts.

Eames hopes to be in the House if you make a statement.


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