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From the Private Secretary

2 December 1993

Dear Mr. Stephens

## LETTER FROM MR. JOHN HUME MP TO THE PRIME MINISTER

I enclose a letter from John Hume which was delivered to the Prime Minister at the House of Commons this afternoon, 2 December (though dated 29 November).

I would be grateful if you could provide the Prime Minister with a draft reply to send after tomorrow's meeting in Dublin. You may also wish to take account of the letter in the briefing which you are preparing.

The point of the letter, as you will see, is to associate Mr. Hume very closely (in a way which perhaps implies parentage) with proposals made by the Taoiseach in June; and to convey Mr. Hume's judgement that these proposals would lead to a total cessation of violence. Mr. Hume's reasons for writing in this way before tomorrow's meeting are transparent.

I am sending copies of this letter to John Sawers (Foreign and Commonwealth Office) and to Melanie Leech (Cabinet Office).

Yours Sincerely  
Kay Kuipe

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