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Dear John,

The security situation in Northern Ireland has been in the forefront of all our minds recently, and the Government has, as you know, been examining the scope for further improving the effective implementation of our security policy.

I have received your letter of 15 September proposing a discussion of the review of the Anglo-Irish Agreement, and will be dealing with that separately. I am writing now to say that I would value a discussion with you, and whatever senior Party colleagues you would wish to accompany you, to review security matters. I am naturally anxious that we should take full account of the views of the constitutional political parties as the Government continues with its review of security matters.

I am asking my Private Secretary to contact you by telephone to arrange a convenient time, which I hope in view of the importance of these matters, can be soon.

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