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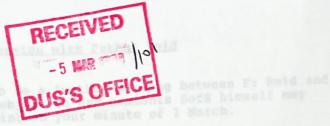
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DISCUSSION WITH FR REID

paused over the detailed line advocated in paragraph 4, with its The Secretary of State has seen your submission of 1 March on this subject. He is content that a response should be made to Fr Reid on nn Fein and the Provisional the lines set out in your paragraph 4. party and the latter abandons its mathods of securing what it wants.

Signed It may be that the above is what you mean by "hard evidence".

If so then we are at one, though I think it would be wise for the S J LEACH o indicate what is actually meant by those two words. us have a quick word if the above gives you difficulty. Private Secretary