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NOTE FOR THE RECORD

AT POLITICAL MOVEMENT AND THE PROVISIONALS 23699A

The PUS chaired a meeting on Friday 4 January to consider latest developments on this issue. The following action points were agreed:

- (i) A provisional draft of a statement of the position HMG would take if it became public that a Government representative had talked to PIRA without a permanent renunciation of violence from that organisation first. [ACTION: Mr Marsh]
- (ii) Defensive lines to take on it becoming known that John Hume had been talking to PIRA/Gerry Adams about the possibility of a ceasefire and discussions with Government. It was agreed that this would draw heavily on the stance adopted in the Whitbread speech. [ACTION: Mr Marsh]
- (iii)

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