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FROM: SIMON ROGERS  
PS/SECRETARY OF STATE (L)  
21 JANUARY 1994

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MR DANIELL

RESPONSE TO GERRY ADAMS' LETTER OF 7 JANUARY 1994

The Prime Minister answered Mr Adams' letter of 7 January on 20 January (copies attached). He has today, at 10.30 am, answered an arranged Parliamentary Question on the subject, and a copy of this is also attached for your information.

SIGNED

SIMON ROGERS  
PS/Secretary of State (L)  
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21 January 1994

RODERIC LYNE



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20 January 1994

From the Private Secretary

*Dear Mr Adams,*

The Prime Minister has asked me to reply to the letter dated 7 January which, though unsigned, is on your headed notepaper.

As you know, the Prime Minister and the Taoiseach made their Joint Declaration on 15 December. It is the responsibility of the two Governments and reflected intensive work between them in the preceding weeks.

Your letter seeks to reopen issues for renegotiation by pointing back to a position you say the Irish Government put forward in June last year. Both the Prime Minister and the Taoiseach have made clear that there can be no question of renegotiation of their Joint Declaration. It provides a balanced framework for peace and democracy which recognises the interests and aspirations of both main traditions that exist in Ireland. That text, and only that text, is what is at issue.

You announced that you were writing to the Prime Minister. In the circumstances, the Prime Minister has decided to make this letter and that received from your office publicly available.

*Yours sincerely,  
Roderic Lyne*

RODERIC LYNE

Mr Gerry Adams