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From the Private Secretary

1 November 1993

*Dear John,*

**PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENT TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS:**  
**1 NOVEMBER: EUROPEAN COUNCIL AND**  
**MEETING WITH THE IRISH PRIME MINISTER**

Subject to the Speaker's agreement, the Prime Minister will deal both with the European Council and with Northern Ireland in his Statement in the House this afternoon (my letter of 31 October to Jonathan Stephens referred).

I enclose a revised draft for the Statement, derived from earlier FCO and NIO drafts which the Prime Minister has seen overnight.

I should be grateful for comments on this draft by telephone or fax to me (or the Duty Clerk) by noon - or sooner if possible.

I am sending copies of this letter and enclosure to Jonathan Stephens (Northern Ireland Office), Dugald Sandeman (Lord President's Office), Jeremy Heywood (HM Treasury), Peter Smith (Department of Trade and Industry), Joan MacNaughton (Home Office), Robert Creighton (Department of Health), Murdo Maclean (Chief Whip's Office) and Melanie Leech (Cabinet Office).

*Yours ever,*  
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