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JOINT DECLARATION INITIATIVE: DRAFT LETTER TO THE TAOISEACH

Mr Chilcot suggested yesterday that if the meetings expected to take place on Monday 18 October reach a successful conclusion, the Prime Minister might wish to respond to the Irish side by writing to the Taoiseach.

2. I have prepared the attached draft, which is I hope self-explanatory, on a contingency basis. (As will be seen I think it right that we take this opportunity to pave the way for possible moves towards the UUP: moves which the Irish side will no doubt interpret as flowing from the "deal" over the Maastricht votes.)

3. Since time is of the essence - and we know the Taoiseach is getting very jumpy (see my separate note of a conversation with Mr O hUiginn) - such a letter should issue as soon as may be. It may be that the Secretary of State and Mr Chilcot will wish, if the meeting on Monday morning goes well, to leave the attached draft with Mr Lyne; alternatively you may wish to send it with the other briefing material to No.10 today..

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