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JOINT DECLARATION

As preparation for Monday's Ministerial Meeting, I attach a short brief for the Prime Minister. Mr Beeton will separately let you have the two versions of paragraph 4 of the JD text to be annexed to it.

2. Colleagues will also separately be supplying today a brief for the Prime Minister's meeting with Mr Molyneaux, and a draft letter for the Prime Minister to send to the Taoiseach on Tuesday.

3. These will all need to go over to No.10 tonight under cover of a Private Secretary letter.

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3. I understand that, when briefed yesterday by PUS and Sir Robin Butler, the Defence Secretary and the Chancellor of the Exchequer were broadly supportive, but the Home Secretary had some concerns about the longer term, and about whether we ought to be insisting on a PIRA surrender rather than cessation. I therefore also attach a brief for the Secretary of State for Monday's meeting which concentrates on these points, rather than duplicating the brief for the Prime Minister. We could, I suppose, provide this supplementary briefing to No.10 as well, but my own instinct is that it would be better for the Secretary of State to have and use this himself, since the Prime Minister will want to focus on the immediate decisions.

Signed:

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