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Mr Wood's minute of 8 December reports and advises on the suggestion from the BIIPB's media adviser that we might offer Irish journalists a briefing and lunch on 15 December.

2. In view of the possible play of events around that time, and what Mr Wood says about attribution, I am strongly against this.
3. On one scenario, we could be into a much wider and more intensive briefing effort; more probably the opposite, though what will matter is what can be said on the record rather than enough off the record material to sustain a lunchtime discussion with 10 or more enquiring, if not inventive journalists.

Signed:

J A CHILCOT

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