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From the Private Secretary

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Thank you for your minute of 23 December about your discussions with Mr Nally.

The Prime Minister is content to go ahead on the lines you propose. He has reservations about extending the group beyond Mr Nally and Mr Dorr on the Irish side. If it is absolutely necessary to extend the group to include Mr O'Huigin then the Prime Minister would be reluctantly prepared to do so - but subject to the views of the Northern Ireland Secretary.

I am copying this minute to Mr Gozney (Foreign and Commonwealth Office) and Mr Pawson (Northern Ireland Office).

Defence), Colin Valters (Nous Office) and Souls Interport (Catlast (J.S. WALL)

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