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cc. Mr Deverell [2]

MR THOMAS [1]

POLITICAL MOVEMENT AND THE PROVISIONALS - THE REVEREND DESMOND PARSONS

I attach a request from the Secretary of State's Office for advice on this approach from the Reverend Desmond Parsons.

- 2. I have discussed it with Mr Deverell; and our view is that we should confine the reply to a collection of published documents, which we should offer to the Reverend Parsons for his own information and use, without any suggestion that he would necessarily pass them on to his Sinn Fein contact. The object would be to enable the Reverend Parsons to inform himself and hence if he wished to communicate a clearer view than he presently appears to have of HMG's position.
- 3. I wonder if you could commission a suitable dossier of relevant recent speeches and statements (clearly including the British Presence speech of 9 November) together with a suitably non-committal covering letter from the Secretary of State's Office (not, I think, from the Secretary of State in person) to the Reverend Parsons.



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