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From the Private Secretary

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Speeches in the United States

We spoke on the telephone about the Prime Minister's speeches in the United States. I attach:-

a) A draft of the Prime Minister's speech on the White House Lawn: the Prime Minister is unhappy with this and, as I mentioned to you, would prefer something based on the Pilgrims' Speech. However, the attached draft will give you an idea of the sort of points the Embassy thought should be made.

b) A draft of the Prime Minister's speech at the White House Dinner on 26 February: the Prime Minister is broadly content with this and I enclose it in order that you can be aware of the themes it covers.

c) The text of the Prime Minister's speech at the Donovan Award Dinner: the Prime Minister is broadly content with this but would like to see an alternative conclusion. You may like to clear the main body of the speech as well as think about a possible redraft of the final section.

You also kindly said that you would think about themes and light relief for the Prime Minister's speech at her own dinner in the Embassy. She plans to deliver this without a text.

I am sending a copy of this letter and the Donovan Award text to George Walden (Foreign and Commonwealth Office).

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