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*Dear John,*

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NORTHERN IRELAND: SECURITY

Thank you for your letter of 11 December (addressed to Stephen Boys Smith) with which you forwarded an extract from a private letter the Prime Minister had received containing a number of recommendations for improving security in Northern Ireland.

The suggestions do not break new ground and, as you would expect, are the sort of matters that the security forces in Northern Ireland consider all the time. We have however referred them to the police and Army in Northern Ireland for study and comment and if any points arise that merit consideration by the Prime Minister, I shall of course let you know.

*Yours sincerely  
Mike Hopkins*

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