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Dear Robin,

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OPERATION ABERCORN

Although I am sure you will have done so already, I am writing to let you and copy recipients know that all the papers relating to OPERATION ABERCORN and emanating from this office can, with one exception, be downgraded to RESTRICTED.

The exception is the brief entitled "Northern Ireland: current position" attached to Sir Philip Woodfield's letter to you of 20 December: this should be classified CONFIDENTIAL.

I am copying this to Bernard Ingham at No 10 and internally here.

*Yours sincerely,
Simon Marsh*

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Private Secretary

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