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From the Principal Private Secretary

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R.J. Andrew Esq CB  
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Your ref :- PUS/L/229/MLR

Dear Robert,

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Thank you for your letter of 5 July which the Prime Minister saw over the weekend.

Subject to reviews of both the timing and the contents of the programme in the light of progress in the wider talks with Government of the Republic, the Prime Minister is content with the proposals in your letter. I suggest therefore that you plan on the basis of this programme and the agreed dates, but nothing should be done which would be difficult to revise until we have had an opportunity to consider



Further nearer the time. Provided that it  
would give you sufficient notice, could you  
be in touch with us again on or about  
10 September. (I cannot arrange for the papers  
to be brought forward at this end, since some  
of our clerical staff have access to the papers!).

Yours ever,

Robin Butler