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Dear Joan,

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The Secretary of State was grateful to receive copies of the draft Speeches on the Prorogation and Opening of Parliament attached to the Lord President's minute of 17 September to the Prime Minister. He has at present no changes to propose to the references to Northern Ireland in either. However, developments in the Anglo-Irish talks over the next few weeks may mean that some last minute alterations will be necessary.

I am sending copies of this letter to Private Secretaries to Members of the Cabinet, to the Attorney General, the Lord Advocate, the two Chief Whips, the Minister of State (Privy Council Office) and Sir R Armstrong.

Yours sincerely,

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