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YOUR TELNO: 628: NORTHERN IRELAND:
MESSAGE FROM MR PRIOR TO JUDGE CLARK.

1. I HAVE JUST RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING REPLY FROM JUDGE CLARK TO MR PRIOR'S MESSAGE ABOUT NORTHERN IRELAND:

BEGINS:

DEAR JIM,

THANK YOU FOR YOUR MESSAGE OF 2 APRIL OUTLINING YOUR PLANS FOR A FRAMEWORK OF SELF GOVERNMENT FOR NORTHERN IRELAND. IT IS CLEAR THAT A GREAT DEAL OF THOUGHT HAS GONE INTO YOUR PROPOSALS. I APPLAUD YOUR DECISION TO TAKE POSITIVE STEPS TO TACKLE THE DIFFICULT PROBLEMS OF NORTHERN IRELAND. AS YOU KNOW, OUR POLICY IS THAT A SOLUTION MUST COME FROM THE PEOPLE OF NORTHERN IRELAND THEMSELVES, AND THE FRAMEWORK YOU INTEND TO ESTABLISH OFFERS THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THAT PROCESS.

WARM REGARDS,

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2. ORIGINAL FOLLOWS BY BAG.

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