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PRIME MINISTERNORTHERN IRELAND: COMPROMISE OF AN ARMY AGENT

In my minute of 27th January I reported on the outcome of a resettlement case that arose last year.

2. Since then a new case has arisen. It has become apparent that PIRA investigations into certain intelligence successes against them will be almost certain to lead them to a very well placed agent who has been supplying us with highly valuable information for some time. The effective exploitation of this intelligence has inevitably carried the risk that the agent would eventually be compromised, but there is no doubt that the use that we have been able to make of the information has inflicted serious damage on the PIRA. This means that the agent is likely to remain a high priority target for the PIRA, and we shall therefore be aiming at permanent settlement abroad. I will let you know the outcome in due course.

3. I am sending copies of this minute to Douglas Hurd, Tom King and Sir Robert Armstrong.

Ministry of Defence  
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