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FORCE LEVELS IN NORTHERN IRELAND

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Thank you for your minute of 24 February. I entirely agree that presentational handling will be extremely important. However, I think on reflection that that is something best dealt with between George Younger and myself and our respective officials in the light of the circumstances on the ground in Northern Ireland. I will ensure that you and colleagues to whom you have copied your minute are kept informed.

2. Copies of this minute go to the Prime Minister, George Younger, Douglas Hurd and Sir Robert Armstrong.

A large, stylized handwritten signature, possibly "D.H.", enclosed in a circular scribble.

26 February 1986

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