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From the Private Secretary

24 February, 1986.

FORCE LEVELS IN NORTHERN IRELAND

The Prime Minister has seen your Secretary of State's letter of 13 February to the Defence Secretary and the Defence Secretary's reply dated 24 February, about force levels in Northern Ireland.

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The Prime Minister agrees to the dispatch of an additional battalion to help meet the demands at present placed on the security forces in Northern Ireland. She also agrees with the Defence Secretary that force levels should be reviewed in the summer.

I am copying this letter to Richard Mottram (Ministry of Defence), Colin Budd (Foreign and Commonwealth Office), Stephen Boys Smith (Home Office) and to Michael Stark (Cabinet Office).

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