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Dear Rod,

TELEPHONE CALL FROM JOHN HUME MP

I attach a note recording a telephone conversation today
between John Hume and Sir John Chilcot.

A copy goes to John Sawers and Melanie Leech.

Yours,

Jonathan

JONATHAN STEPHENS

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NOTE FOR THE RECORD

TELEPHONE CALL FROM JOHN HUME MP - 27 JANUARY 1994

1. John Hume telephoned Sir John Chilcot this afternoon. He said that he had been speaking to the "Derry People", and in his opinion it looked as if they were reacting positively. This weekend would be the most crucial time, and a gesture from HMG could make the difference.
2. Hume had been telephoned several times last night from Washington. He had a "very high level friend" there who had held a meeting with "the very top man" there yesterday, and "his office" had contacted Hume for his views. Hume had recommended that it [a visa for Adams] should be limited to "that occasion only" [ie to allow him to attend the New York Conference at the end of January]. Hume believed that a response from Washington in these terms could be made today. Such gestures, he felt, were "minor persuasions to us, but powerful to them" [the Provisionals].
3. On the clarification point, Hume said that he had been repeating his formula that interpretation should be made "within the framework of the Declaration". He had noted that HMG was now saying that its primary interest was peace and reconciliation, not the Union. He had been drawing this to the attention of the "Derry People", although he realised that HMG could not publicly highlight the distinction.

Signed:

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