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Grateful if the following message could be sent on the direct link to the White House as soon as possible.

MESSAGE FOR MR ANTHONY LAKE, NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER, FROM RODERIC LYNE, NO 10 DOWNING STREET

Dear Tony

It's Sunday. I'll be brief. Two thoughts from the English countryside stimulated by your phone call last night:

1. The movement in which Gerry Adams has long been a leading figure has murdered not only thousands of its own countrymen, but also one member of our Royal Family, one Cabinet Minister's wife, two close advisers to Margaret Thatcher and Members of Parliament, two British Ambassadors - and small children in our shopping centres. It is sad, paradoxical, and misguided of the Kennedys, having lost two brothers to acts of terror, to be pressing you to admit a terrorist leader without an end to terrorism or even a commitment to end terrorism.
2. On Friday, the United States went eyeball to eyeball with Gerry Adams. Adams has not yet blinked. On the telephone last night, you did not rule out the possibility of the United States blinking instead. Turning this over and over in my mind just now, as I walked the dog through the snowdrops in Richmond Park, I simply could not believe that it would be democratic America which blinked. Surely you won't. If Adams refuses

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to blink now, keep the pressure on him until he and his movement blinks later.

Sorry to intrude on your Sunday morning.

Yours ever

Roderic

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