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PRIME MINISTER

GERRY ADAMS

Sir Robin Renwick has been told by the Americans that Gerry Adams has been given a visa to visit the United States for a limited period only. He will not be allowed to undertake any fund-raising activities and must remain within a 25 mile radius of New York.

We understand Adams has issued a statement in Belfast. But it is not thought that this goes any way towards meeting the original conditions. (We are attempting to get hold of a copy of the statement.)

The Foreign Secretary will take this up with Lake and Christopher in Washington tomorrow. Rod did not mince his words with Lake when he was telephoned to be told of the decision.

I attach the press line.

David

DUTY CLERK

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**DRAFT PRESS LINE FOR USE IF ADAMS IS
ADMITTED TO THE UNITED STATES**

Gerry Adams has said that he wants to end violence and to embrace the Joint Declaration. It is on that basis, we understand, that he is being admitted to a conference in New York on 1 February. [Or: National Committee on Foreign Affairs Conference on Northern Ireland.]

Sinn Fein and the IRA will be judged by their deeds. We hope that the New York conference will firmly impress on Gerry Adams that Sinn Fein and the IRA must end violence immediately and permanently, in accordance with the Joint Declaration.

Question and Answer

Do you consider that Adams has now accepted the Joint Declaration?

We of course hope this means that Sinn Fein and the IRA have accepted the Joint Declaration, and have decided to end violence and enter the democratic process. That is clearly what the US Government wanted to hear from Gerry Adams, and he has made a statement which conveys that impression. We shall judge him by his actions.

[Other Q and As: draw on lines prepared on 27 January.]

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... concerned.

... proceed to end violence : will be.

It's not broad enough.

Paddy

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