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From the Duty Clerk


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Dear Jonathan

ADAMS/USA: CONTINGENCY PRESS LINE

Following his conference call with you, Sir Robin Renwick and Chris Meyer this morning, Roderic Lyne has suggested a small refinement of the contingency press line. This is attached. Could you and copy addressees please feed any comments to me or to Christine Laidlaw in our Press Office.

I am sending copies of this letter and its enclosure to John Sawers (Foreign and Commonwealth Office) via the Resident Clerk, Peter Bean (British Embassy, Washington), Joan MacNaughton (Home Office), Melanie Leech (Cabinet Office) and to Christine Laidlaw in the No 10 Press Office.

Yours sincerely


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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.]