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SPEECH BY GERRY ADAMS IN NEW YORK, EVENING OF  
1 FEBRUARY

There are rumours in Washington that Gerry Adams may offer some form of conditional ceasefire in his New York speech this evening.

The NIO will be monitoring the speech, and I have asked them to make rapid contact with the Irish Government and with our Embassy in the United States if any eye-catching offer is made. Our aim will be to ensure that no-one is conned into treating it as a step forward. It would, of course, be yet another ploy to try to evade the central point of the Joint Declaration.

NIO will have a press line, which you could pick up from them. Its key points will be that there should be a permanent end to violence; this is what the British and Irish Governments are calling for; our two Governments have all along made clear that we do not regard the Joint Declaration as negotiable - it provides all that is required for an end to violence; and we shall not negotiate under duress or the threat of a return to terrorism.

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