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SECRETARY OF STATE ANNOUNCES LEAK INQUIRY

The Secretary of State, Dr Mo Mowlam MP, this afternoon issued the following statement in response to media reports of a leaked internal Government document:

"An inquiry into the leaked document has been instigated by the Permanent Under Secretary of the Northern Ireland Office, Sir John Chilcot, and arrangements to set up the inquiry are already in hand. A further statement will be issued when terms of reference are agreed and someone has been appointed to head the inquiry."