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## REVIEW OF HURD POLICY

Michael Ancram has seen the recent correspondence on this issue and has indicated that it is the reaction of the UUP rather than that of the UDP or PUP which concerns him. He would welcome other views as to what that reaction might be even to the policy being 'under a formal review'.

Signed

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1. You will have seen a note of yesterday from Michael Ancram's office. Perhaps I might make two comments on his qualifications.
2. First, we are suggesting merely that at this stage we tell those we meet in (L)XD that the Policy is now under formal

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review, but making it clear that decisions will take account of wider developments in Northern Ireland. Those developments would of course include the sort of forward movement that Michael Ancram refers to. To use his image, we are letting the donkeys see the carrot but not putting it close enough to the mouth for swallowing.

3. Secondly, I doubt if the Unionist reaction will be particularly strong. An announcement of a change in policy can make clear that we are responding not just to a republican but also to a loyalist agenda since the UDP and PUP have, if anything, made more of a play of the Hurd Policy than Sinn Fein in those dialogues. Protestant communities have been affected and constrained by the Policy just as Republican communities, and this can be emphasised in the announcement of a decision in a way which, I suggest, will make significant Unionist criticism difficult.

[Signed DJW]

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