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FROM: Q THOMAS
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8 December 1994
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PS/SECRETARY OF STATE (L&B)

cc: PS/Michael Ancram (L&B)
PS/PUS (L&B)
PS/Mr Fell
Mr Legge
Mr Brooke
Mr Leach
Mr Watkins
Mr Williams
Mr Wood (L&B)
Mr Currie
Mr Campton
(Parliament Buildings)
Mr Brooker
Mr Maccabe
Mr Stephens
Mr Beeton

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SINN FEIN DELEGATION

Mr Martin McGuinness phoned me this afternoon, at a time previously arranged through Siobhan O'Hanlon, to tell me the names of the Sinn Fein delegation. They are:

- Mr Martin McGuinness
- Miss Lucilita Bhreatnach
- Sean McManus
- Gerry Kelly - Delegation Secretary
- Siobhan O'Hanlon - note taker

Note

2. I asked Mr McGuinness whether Sean McManus was Mc or Mac. At first he said either but then said he thought it was Mac. I guessed that the name plate we make should accordingly say "Mac", but we might make a point of checking it with him on his arrival.

3. Mr McGuinness stressed that these names were confidential and we should not release them to the Press. I said that of course we would not do so.

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4. Mr McGuinness did not seem to have much more to say, though he did say he was looking forward to meeting me. I thanked him for his letter and said that it seemed clear that, unsurprisingly, we had a slightly different approach to the agenda. I said that we would probably need to work through that in the first one or two meetings. But, I asked, "did he have any comments on the agenda I had proposed for the first meeting". "No problems" he said. My letter had also suggested that the first meeting might take two hours. "That is our approach too" he said. I went on to say that of course the two sides had only themselves to please and if we wanted at any time to have longer or shorter meetings we should do what we liked. He assented.

5. I suggested that at our meeting we might try and settle a date for the next meeting, or possibly for a series of meetings since we all had busy diaries. He seemed to agree.

6. We ended with mutual salutations. He did not raise the issue of Sinn Fein's wish to come in through the front door. Nor did I.

[SIGNED]

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PS Mr McGuinness phoned back saying he had thought Siobhan O'Hanlon had the names of our delegation but this was not so. I gave him the names, stressing that we too would wish them to be treated in confidence.

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- PS/Mr Fell - B
- Mr Legge - B
- Mr Thomas - B
- Mr Brooke - B
- Mr Leach - B
- Mr Watkins - B
- Mr Williams - B
- Mr Wood (L&B) - B
- Mr Currie - B
- Mr Beeton - B
- Mr Brooker - B
- Mr Maccabe - B
- Mr Stephens - B

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TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS WITH SINN FÉIN

Wrong mind-set?
No - why should SF be
given special
privileges over other
to anyone else visiting
P.B. [unclear]
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Michael Ancram has seen Mr Beeton's note for the record of his further three telephone conversations with Sinn Féin on 6 December. The Minister has noted the record and has commented that in non-smoking areas, non-smoking should be enforced. The Minister believes that this really is bending over backwards a little too far. He has further commented that he was never granted such indulgence even as a Government Minister when he sought (during his smoking days) to smoke in a non-smoking room. The Minister has cautioned that we must not be seen to be creating special treatment or it will backfire.

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FROM: Tony Beeton
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XD - PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS AT PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

Mr Campton met representatives of Sinn Fein at Parliament Buildings yesterday morning to show them the practical arrangements for Friday's meeting. He reported the exchanges to me and drew attention to a number of points where the representatives had apparently been unhappy with what we proposed. Mr Campton believed that I was likely to be contacted by them later on those points.

2. We discussed the issues they raised thus:
 - a. approach and entrance - Mr Campton had reported that Sinn Fein did not wish to drive in through the Massey Avenue entrance but preferred the main driveway. They were also unhappy about entering the building through the West Door which they appeared to regard as a back door. Mr Campton had explained that there were building works which meant that the front entrance was closed. We agreed that there was no reason to prevent

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using the Prince of Wales Drive if that was what they wished but that we should not compromise on the use of the West Door which was both the most practicable from the point of view of access to the rooms we would actually be using, and was anyway one of the formal entrances to Parliament Buildings and not in any sense a back door.

- b. delegation rooms - the representatives were happy with the rooms which we proposed for their use (although they proposed that their drivers would remain with their vehicles rather than inside the building and Mr Campton agreed to provide appropriate staff to allow them access to toilet and refreshment facilities). They did wish to have access to a photocopier and fax machine which we had proposed to offer them if appropriate, but they also expressed the firm wish for a television, a video recorder and a radio. They also told Robert Campton that they would bring their own portable PC and printer. We agreed to log the fact that one of the first things they had asked us for was a television, but to resist supplying them with one;
- c. they had expressed concern to Mr Campton (which they also mentioned on the telephone to me previously) about the possibility about demonstrations on their arrival. They had asked whether it would be possible for them to come early in order to avoid these and wait inside the building. Robert Campton confirmed to me that he would be able to staff the building early enough to allow for this if we wished to agree it. We felt that there was no reason to prevent it, but that it was a point which conflicted with their concern about entrances which rather pointed to a desire to be seen to be going in the front door;

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- d. exit - I commented that one explanation might be that they intended to make a grand exit rather than a grand entrance. Mr Campton told me that Andy Wood had, in a conversation with Sinn Fein's Gerry O'Hara about press arrangements, picked up the clear signal that they would want to be available for the press after the meeting, and were rather surprised that the press had no access to the building. We noted the point and agreed that it would be counter to our own interests to prevent this (always subject to our wish to agree that the proceedings themselves should be governed by the rule of confidentiality).

SIGNED

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