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*From the Private Secretary*

30 November 1981

I attach a copy of a letter from Mr. Ian Paisley, M.P. following his "day of action" last week. This is dated 25 November and was received here on Saturday.

You will see that Mr. Paisley formally volunteers his "third force" to support the security forces. He also calls for an end to Anglo/Irish Summits, and the return of democratic government in the Province.

I should be grateful if, in consultation with those to whom I am copying this letter, you could let me have a suitable draft reply for the Prime Minister's signature as soon as possible.

We also have outstanding Mr. Paisley's letter of 6 November. I am not clear whether you wish to advise us that no reply is now necessary to that.

I am sending copies of this letter to Roderic Lyne (Foreign and Commonwealth Office) and David Wright (Cabinet Office).

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