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From the Private Secretary

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Northern Ireland

The Prime Minister has read Mr. Prior's minute of 21 December about his meeting with Mr. Molyneux, Mr. McCusker and some of their official unionist colleagues.

The Prime Minister has commented that her main worry about devolved Government is the effect it would have on Scotland. Furthermore, she sees little prospect of sufficient agreement to secure an effective devolution.

I am copying this letter to John Halliday (Home Office), David Heyhoe (Lord President's Office) and Murdo Maclean (Chief Whip's Office).

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