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For: Ray Bassett

From: Belfast  
From: Joint Secretary

Subj: Meeting between PM Blair and Gerry Adams (9 Nov)

1. Yesterday's hour-long meeting between the Prime Minister and Gerry Adams was conducted almost entirely on a tete-a-tete basis. Accordingly, no note of the discussion is to hand. However, we have obtained the following summary account of it.
2. The discussion covered very predictable ground. Adams' main message was to ask the Prime Minister to come to Belfast to put pressure on Trimble in relation to implementation of the Agreement. Blair indicated his willingness to go straight away if necessary. However he saw no point in doing so unless he had some basis for reassuring Trimble on the decommissioning issue. Adams made clear repeatedly that Sinn Féin could not deliver any form of decommissioning at the present time.
3. Adams also criticised the decision to allow Wright and Fisher to remain in the British Army and underlined the feelings of the bereaved family. Blair reportedly responded with a reference to the suffering caused to other families by the many prisoners now being released (Republicans and Loyalists).

Adams also expressed general concerns about the NI Bill but did not make any detailed points.

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