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cc PS/Secretary of State (B&L)
 PS/Mr Scott (B&L) -v
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 PS/Mr Bloomfield *wo 14/12*
 Mr Brennan -v
 Mr Burns -v
 Mr Gilliland
 Mr Merifield
 Mr Coulson
 Mr Bickham -v



MR BUXTON

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INTERNMENT ANNIVERSARY PARADE: 12 AUGUST

I spoke to the Chief Constable today about the Deputy Chief Constable's report on his inquiry into the death of Mr Downes at the internment anniversary parade on 12 August.

2. Mr McAtamney's report has just been delivered to the Chief Constable - I saw it on the floor of his office. It consists of a set of files nearly two feet high!
3. The Chief Constable said that he had not yet had a chance to look at the report. He would do so over the weekend, and he would be prepared to talk about it at the SPM on 17 December. He also agreed to send to the Northern Ireland Office a written statement about the report.
4. The Chief Constable said that he had not finally made up his mind on the action that he would take on the report. His initial disposition was to send the complete report to the DPP, so that there could be no suggestion that the RUC had held anything back. But he said that he would be considering this further as he studied the report in detail.
5. The Chief Constable will also be sending a copy of the report to HM Inspector of Constabulary.
6. I hope that the material that we get from the Chief Constable will enable us to provide advice on a possible Ministerial statement to Parliament - PS/Secretary of State's minute of 11 December to you refers. Clearly, any such statement would have to be cleared with the Chief Constable.

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