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From: Mr S Quinn
 14 April 1993
 To: PS/Secretary of State (B&L)

MR GORDON WILSON

1. In Mr Watkins' absence, I took a call from Mr Wilson, who was requesting a short (20 minutes) and definitely private meeting with the Secretary of State and the Prime Minister. He told me that he would be seeking a similar meeting with the Taoiseach and Tanaiste.
2. Mr Wilson essentially wants to report his impressions and conclusions, having reflected on his recent discussions with PIRA representatives. He indicated that he would want to report his assessment that the situation was extremely serious; that PIRA are not amenable to compassion or reason; that they will not go away; and that Government should now look very seriously at the internment option - on which he has already commented publicly.
3. Mr Wilson is going to Dublin shortly and later to the USA. He gave a number of dates on which he could make

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himself available for a London meeting if the Secretary of State and Prime Minister were willing to see him - namely 26 April (am preferred), 27 & 29 April (am), 30 April and 10, 13, 14, 17, 18 and 21 May. He will also give these dates to the Irish.

4. Mr Wilson understands that there will be diary pressures, but is anxious to convey his impressions at first hand rather than to write to Ministers.

5. In view of the positive influence which Mr Wilson has exerted, it would seem appropriate for his request to be granted. Among other things, this would provide an opportunity to provide him, in private, with Government's perceptions of the internment option.

6. Mr Wilson will not be flying back to Northern Ireland until 26 April. However he said that a decision on and details about the requested meeting could be passed to his assistant, Ms Michele Kennedy, through his Enniskillen number (0365 325270), who will be in contact with him while in the USA.

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