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FROM: J ROBINSON  
17 NOVEMBER 1992

cc

PS/Secretary of State (B&L)  
Mr Ledlie  
Mr Lyon  
Mr Ham  
Mr Cassidy

cc Ms. Madder  
W. Conrick

PS/MR MATES (B&L)

BOMB DAMAGE TO COLERAINE ON 13 NOVEMBER 1992

You requested an urgent briefing for the Minister on last Friday's bomb damage at Coleraine.

2. Our loss adjusters estimate that damage amounting to £10.25 million was caused by the 500 lbs car bomb which exploded at the junction of Church Street, Stone Row and The Diamond which is in the very heart of the town's commercial centre. We are expecting to receive about 250 claims for compensation including 25-30 for domestic properties. The most seriously affected are:

Moore's Department Store	-	£3.5m
Town Hall	-	£1.0m
Bank of Ireland	-	£1.0m

3. Yesterday I met with the Lord Mayor (William King) the Council's Chief Executive (Mr Andrews) and Mr Ken Perry, President of Coleraine Chamber of Commerce. This was followed in the evening by a Public Meeting organised by the Chamber of Commerce. I and one of our loss adjusters fielded questions from the audience in relation to compensation issues and claim procedures. It proved to be a very positive and harmonious meeting.

4. Our loss adjusters who, with staff from the Agency, were on the scene early on Saturday morning are already sending in their preliminary reports with recommendations for safe interim payments. These will be processed just as quickly as the Notices of Intention and Applications are received.

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5. I have, as in the case of Lurgan, undertaken to keep the Council's Chief Executive updated on progress with the compensation claims.

(signed)

J ROBINSON

Mr Watkins - M

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The Secretary of State was grateful for your further, very useful progress report on the work being done following last week's visit.

He has noted that you will keep him in touch if any difficulties arise.

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*See Watkins  
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