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FROM: GERRY LOUGHRAN
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cc Mr Haire

TO: PERMANENT SECRETARIES
MR WATKINS

11 SEPTEMBER 2001

The terrible events of 11 September cast a long shadow and will have far-reaching implications. We must urgently assess the potential impact and possible consequences for this small region. I would therefore be grateful if each of you would prepare a perspective based on your departmental service responsibilities. I should be grateful if you would report the outcome of your consideration to Permanent Secretary colleagues at a special PSG meeting to be held on Friday 28 September.

It would be helpful if you could circulate a summary of your report in advance of the meeting. This will facilitate discussion and enable those of us at the centre to start the process of pulling together the major issues which will have to be dealt with, or faced up to, in the foreseeable future. Please let me have your returns by **Thursday 27 September.**

David Steele
GERRY LOUGHRAN

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Can you ask Bernie Rooney if
Phoned
25/9.

yes.
(i) to copy all returns to me;
(ii) to ask if Gerry Loughran would
Eugene or me to be in at the
PSG meeting to hear the discussion
of the issue. (I can go
late to conference)
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