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NORTHERN IRELAND PRISONS: POSSIBLE HUNGER STRIKE

Note by the Secretaries

The Secretary of State for Northern Ireland has circulated a paper reference H(80) 74 dated 17 October 1980 to the Home and Social Affairs Committee of the Cabinet for decisions on a number of points. Members of the Defence and Oversea Policy Committee will wish to be aware of the contents of this paper in view of its possible implications to the security situation in Northern Ireland and British external policy particularly in relation to the Irish Republic and the United States.

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