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**Subject:** Re: Ministers Speech for 1 December 2004

I have seen the revised speech following the latest advice from OSSE. I am content with the speech as it now stands and assume this will minimise any concerns that at this stage any risk to the Executive is being extended unnecessarily.

The real risk here, of course, is that by not giving ground the pressure for a full public inquiry will become irresistible to Parliament - that is something that needs factored into all considerations of risk and I trust OSSE are doing that.

I look forward to seeing the further advice from OSSE  
 in the event that accepting their suggestions does not meet the requirements of the note from Patrick Layden which I have been advised of, but not yet seen.

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Minister,

As discussed I attach the speech with some suggested tracked changes that you would allow you further scope to consider the risks that Mr Layden is about to provide advice on. They are contained on p. 9 with minor typos tracked on p.7.

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