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1. MR WATKINS *[I agree with this advice and lines to take. The timing is unfortunate in terms of linkage with Omagh. You should discuss this aspect at your meeting with Nuala on 8 January. DJW 21/12]*
2. SECRETARY OF STATE (B&L)

**MINISTER'S CASE SOS 586/2001: POLICE OMBUDSMAN
REGARDING COMPLAINT BY THE CAJ.**

Issue: Ombudsman's report on complaint made by CAJ into police handling of threats against Rosemary Nelson.

Timing: As soon as possible

Presentational Issues: The link to Rosemary Nelson will ensure this is given publicity.

Recommendation: The Secretary of State approve the attached lines to take and draft press release.

INTRODUCTION

In my submission of 5 December I provided advice and a draft reply for the Secretary of State in response to Mrs O'Loan's letter of 22 November regarding her investigation into a complaint made by the CAJ against the Chief Constable on the handling of threats made to the life of Rosemary Nelson.