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Police Division  
13 January 1999cc: Mr Watkins  
Mr Leach  
Mr McCusker  
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Ms Scholefield

**PM'S MEETING WITH GRRC**

Mr Leach's minute of 12 January, paragraph 3iv asked for briefing on personal security measures for Councillors MacCionnaith and Duffy. This note sets out the background and, since we have a good tale to tell, I have attached a very short speaking note which you might wish to incorporate into your briefing.

2. I have not been involved in any discussions about protection for coalition members. Mr McCusker will brief seperately on this.

3. MacCionnaith raised the question of both his and Councillor Duffy's personal protection, as well as the personal protection of Coalition members with Jonathan Powell at the Proximity Talks at Hillsborough in July last year. Shortly thereafter MacCionnaith was visited by colleagues from the NIO Key Persons Protection Scheme who briefed him on the criteria for entry to the Scheme. It was made clear to him at that time that should any members of the Coalition feel the need for protection they should submit details to the NIO and these would be considered on an individual basis. To date no members of the Coalition beyond MacCionnaith and Duffy have approached us for protection.

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