

18 AUG 1980

MR HARRIGAN
MR WYATT
MR GILLILAND
MR BURNS
MR DAVENPORT
MR CEE
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cc Miss Davies
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15 AUG 1980

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TO PRIORITY DUBLIN

TELEGRAM NUMBER 101 OF 15 AUGUST
REPEAT FOR INFO TO NIO (BELFAST)
YOUR TELEGRAM NUMBER 224: ANGLO IRISH MEETINGS

1. WE AGREE THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR YOU TO SEE MR HAUGHEY ABOUT ARRANGEMENTS FOR HIS NEXT MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER. YOU SHOULD MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A) WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES OF A MEETING IN NOVEMBER, PERHAPS IN DUBLIN. IF MR HAUGHEY AGREES WE MIGHT TRY TO IDENTIFY A MUTALLY CONVENIENT DATE FAIRLY SOON.

B) IF MR HAUGHEY EXPRESSES A PREFERENCE FOR SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER, YOU SHOULD SAY THAT THIS WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR THE PRIME MINISTER. YOU MIGHT ADD THAT A MEETING IN NOVEMBER, IE IN THE RUN-UP TO THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL ON 1/2 DECEMBER, WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE FOR A DISCUSSION WHICH WOULD NATURALLY INCLUDE COMMUNITY ISSUES: AND WOULD ALLOW TIME FOR THE MEETING TO BE PROPERLY PREPARED.

C) WE ENVISAGE A BROAD AGENDA WITH THE TWO PRIME MINISTERS BEING ACCOMPANIED BY OTHER MINISTERS (AS AGREED ON 21 MAY). DETAILS MIGHT BE DISCUSSED BY BRITISH AND IRISH OFFICIALS ON 11 SEPTEMBER. BUT THE BRITISH SIDE WOULD NATURALLY INCLUDE AN FCO MINISTER AND THE NORTHERN IRELAND SECRETARY.

2. YOU SHOULD OF COURSE ENCOURAGE MR HAUGHEY TO EXPOSE HIS OWN THINKING ON THE RANGE OF ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED.

3. WHEN YOU SEE MR LENIHAN, YOU SHOULD ENQUIRE WHETHER WEDNESDAY 1 OCTOBER WOULD BE A CONVENIENT DATE FOR HIS NEXT MEETING WITH MR ATKINS: IF SO, WE SUGGEST THE MEETING BE IN LONDON. THIS WOULD THEN ENABLE THE LORD PRIVY SEAL TO OFFER A WORKING LUNCH.

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