

FROM: J R FISHER  
ANGLO-IRISH SECRETARIAT  
14 FEBRUARY 1997

NOTE FOR THE RECORD

- CC PS/PUS (B&L) - B
- PS/SIR DAVID FELL - B
- MR CARVILL
- MR ELLIOTT
- MR LOUGHRAN
- MR SEMPLE
- MR SMALL
- MR SPENCE
- MR THOMAS - B
- MR STEELE - B
- MR BELL
- MR BLACKWELL - B
- MR DANIELL - B
- MR LEACH - B
- MR SHANNON - B
- MR STEPHENS - B
- MR WATKINS - B
- MR WOOD (B&L) - B
- MR BEETON - B
- MR BROOKER - B
- MR HILL - B
- MRS BROWN - B
- MR CANAVAN
- MRS COLLINS - B
- MR LAVERY - B
- MR MACCABE - B
- MR PERRY - B
- DR POWER - B
- MR SMYTH - B
- MR WHITE - B
- MR PRIESTLY - B
- MISS BHARUCHA - B
- MISS DEVLIN - B
- MS MAPSTONE - B
- MR PALMER, DENI
- HMA, DUBLIN - B
- MR LAMONT, RID - B



① DED notified of 18/2  
 ② IF minuted re future topics  
 ③ Fisheries issue on agenda raised with AIS - is an East-West issue.  
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NOTE OF A DELEGATION MEETING HELD AT THE ANGLO-IRISH SECRETARIAT ON 13 FEBRUARY 1997

THE NORMAL WEEKLY DELEGATION MEETING WAS HELD AT MARYFIELD ON 13 FEBRUARY. THE IRISH SIDE COMPRISED MR DONOGHUE, MR MAGNER, MR BOUGHTON, MR DOWLING AND MR HACKETT. THE BRITISH SIDE COMPRISED MR BELL, MR FISHER, MRS HARPER AND MISS BROWN.

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MARY

2. BRIEF AND BUSINESSLIKE WITH SOME IRISH SIDE GRUMBLINGS OVER LACK OF INFORMATION ON SECURITY RELATED MATTERS - ECHOED BY BRITISH GRUMBLINGS OVER INSUFFICIENTLY EARLY OR PRECISE WARNING OF THE TAOISEACH'S VISIT.

NEXT ANGLO-IRISH CONFERENCE

3. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CONFERENCE TO BE HELD DURING THE AFTERNOON OF 5 MARCH IN DUBLIN WERE DISCUSSED AND A TENTATIVE AGENDA (ANNEX A) AGREED. IT WAS NOTED THAT SIR JOHN WHEELER, PUS, HMA AND SIR DAVID FELL WERE UNLIKELY TO BE ABLE TO ATTEND WITH THE CONSEQUENCE THAT MR STEELE WOULD LEAD FOR OUR SIDE ON SECURITY MATTERS. THE IRISH SIDE WERE WARNED THAT VOTING COULD REQUIRE THE PROMPT DEPARTURE OF UK MINISTERS.

MARYFIELD

4. THERE WAS A BRIEF DISCUSSION OF FURTHER BRIEFING AND HOSPITALITY ARRANGEMENTS (ANNEX B). THE IRISH SIDE ARE LOOKING TO A 'SECOND ROUND' OF INVITATIONS TO NI PERMANENT SECRETARIES. THE IRISH SIDE PRESSED FOR A DATE FOR A BRIEFING ON HOSPITAL SERVICES.

PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

5. THE IRISH SIDE WERE CONCERNED THAT THEY HAD BEEN WRONGLY NOTIFIED OF A 'GENUINE VACANCY' - AS OPPOSED TO A 'PROBABLE REAPPOINTMENT' FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR HOLDING CENTRES. AS A RESULT THEY HAD APPROACHED A CANDIDATE [REDACTED] AND WERE NOW FACED WITH POTENTIAL EMBARRASSMENT IN THAT SIR LOUIS BLOM-COOPER AND HIS DEPUTY APPEARED LIKELY TO BE REAPPOINTED. THE IRISH SIDE WERE ANXIOUS TO SEE THE SYSTEM WORKING BETTER. THE BRITISH SIDE AGREED TO INVESTIGATE. (MR BELL HAS SINCE MINUTED CAU SEPARATELY. THERE WAS NO MENTION OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE ICPC. THIS IS THE SUBJECT OF A SEPARATE CORRESPONDENCE.

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PARACHUTE REGIMENT

6. THE IRISH SIDE PRESSED (AGAIN) FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE LIKELY DEPLOYMENT OF THE REGIMENT TO EAST TYRONE LATER THIS YEAR. THEY REPEATED EARLIER CONCERNS OVER LOCAL SENSITIVITY THE RECORD OF THE REGIMENT IS COALISLAND. THE BRITISH SIDE HAD NO FURTHER INFORMATION TO OFFER ON WHAT, THEY EMPHASISED, WAS AN MOD RESPONSIBILITY, BUT NOTED THEIR VIEWS AND UNDERTOOK TO REPORT THESE. (SPOB TO ADVISE PLEASE).

MARKETHILL ARRESTS

7. THE IRISH SIDE SOUGHT, WITH HEAVY HINTS, FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE ARREST OF THREE LOYALISTS IN WHICH THERE WAS 'POLITICAL INTEREST' IN DUBLIN. THE BRITISH SIDE WERE UNABLE TO OFFER ANY INFORMATION (SPOB HAVE SINCE CAST A LITTLE LIGHT AND THE IRISH SIDE ARE CONTENT).

TAOISEACH'S VISIT

8. MR BELL, WHO HAD GIVEN MR DONOGHUE AN EARBASHING EARLIER - MINUTED SEPARATELY EXPRESSING DISAPPOINTMENT AT THE LACK OF SUFFICIENT WARNING GIVEN ON HIS VISIT TO ENNISKILLEN NEXT WEEK. GUIDELINES HAD BEEN PREPARED AT THE REQUEST OF THE IRISH SIDE IN 1992 WHICH, IF FOLLOWED, WOULD HAVE ENSURED EARLIER WARNING OF THE VISIT. THE BRITISH SIDE WERE HAPPY TO RENEGOTIATE THE GUIDELINES IF THAT WAS WHAT THE IRISH WANTED; THEY CONSTITUTED, HOWEVER, IN OUR VIEW, A DESIRABLE WORKING DOCUMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUCH VISITS. REPLYING, MR DONOGHUE STRESSED THE FLEXIBILITY OF THE WORDING CONTAINED IN THE GUIDELINES BUT AGREED THAT THE RUC SHOULD HAVE ADVANCE WARNINGS OF SUCH VISITS. (THE SECRETARIAT WILL KEEP PRESSING FOR DETAILS).

SHOOTING OF LANCE BOMBARDIER RESTORICK

9. IN RESPONSE TO AN EARLIER IRISH SIDE INQUIRY, MR BELL PUT ON RECORD THAT THE DEATH OF THE SOLDIER WAS NOT DUE TO HIS HAVING NEGLIGENTLY DISCHARGED HIS OWN WEAPON. THE RUC AND UTV HAD DENIED

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CATEGORICALLY THAT SUCH A SUGGESTION HAD CAME FROM POLICE SOURCES. ORIGIN MIGHT HAVE BEEN A UTV INTERVIEW WITH MR MCELROY, THE DRIVER OF THE CAR, WHO REPORTED SEEING A FLASH FROM THE SOLDIER'S RIFLE; THIS WAS IN FACT THE IMPACT OF THE SNIPER'S BULLET STRIKING THE WEAPON. THE BULLET, FIRED FROM PERHAPS 200 YARDS, HAD PASSED THROUGH HIS BODY AND HIT HIS RIFLE. MRS MCELROY HAD PROBABLY BEEN INJURED BY FRAGMENTS FROM THE WEAPON. HAD THE BULLET NOT BEEN DEFLECTED, IT WOULD VERY LIKELY HAVE KILLED HER ALSO. THE GUNMAN WOULD HAVE SEEN THE RISK TO THE CIVILIANS WHEN DECIDING TO SHOOT. THE IRISH SIDE, DEEPLY REGRETTING THE SHOOTING, WERE GRATEFUL FOR THIS INFORMATION.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

10. MR BELL THANKED MR DONOGHUE FOR THE MATERIAL PROMISED BY THE TANAISTE AT LANCASTER HOUSE (A SUBMISSION IS BEING PREPARED).

11. IN THEIR CUSTOMARY 'POST-PLenary' TETE A TETE, AGAIN MINUTED SEPARATELY, ISSUES DISCUSSED INCLUDE' THE TALKS; POSSIBLE CHANGES TO THE REMIT OF THE NI GRAND COMMITTEE; THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S FRUSTRATED DATE WITH MS ALBRIGHT; AND THE FAILURE OF THE FORUM.

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DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE ANGLO-IRISH INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCE  
DUBLIN, WEDNESDAY 5 MARCH 1997

- 14.00 SECRETARY OF STATE AND PARTY ARRIVE DUBLIN AIRPORT  
 14.30 ARRIVE AT IVEAGH HOUSE, AND PHOTOCALL  
 14.35 TETE-A-TETE  
 14.45 RESTRICTED SECURITY SESSION  
 15.30 PLENARY
1. POLITICAL MATTERS (RESTRICTED NUMBERS)
  2. CONFIDENCE ISSUES
    - (A) RESPONSE OF SECURITY FORCES TO CURRENT SITUATION
    - (B) PARADES
    - (C) POLICING ISSUES
    - (D) PRISON ISSUES
    - (E) BLOODY SUNDAY
  3. PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS
  4. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ISSUES
    - (A) TRADE AND TOURISM
    - ? [(B) FISHERIES]
    - (C) FUTURE CONFERENCE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL TOPICS
  5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS
- 17.30 PRESS CONFERENCES (SECRETARY OF STATE TO LEAD)  
 18.00 DEPARTURE OF SECRETARY OF STATE AND PARTY FOR AIRPORT

BRIEFINGS

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| 1 | HEALTH MATTERS  | TO BE ARRANGED                       |
| 2 | FAIR EMPLOYMENT | TO BE ARRANGED<br>LATER IN THE YEAR. |

FUNCTIONS HOSTED BY IRISH SIDE

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| SECRETARY OF STATE AND LADY MAYHEW                | 25 MARCH (DINNER)                   |
| CHURCH OF IRELAND (REV LEWIS & OTHERS)            | TO BE ARRANGED                      |
| ARCHBISHOP EAMES                                  | TO BE ARRANGED                      |
| ANDREW HUNTER, CHAIRMAN OF NI BACKBENCH COMMITTEE | 14 FEBRUARY<br>(11.45-12.45)        |
| DR MOWLEM   | TO BE ARRANGED<br>(DINNER OR LUNCH) |
| NI PERMANENT SECRETARIES (NEW ROUND)              | TO BE ARRANGED                      |

JOINT FUNCTIONS

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| ST PATRICK'S DAY RECEPTION | 18 MARCH |
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