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From the Private Secretary

27 January 1988

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I cannot keep  
this.  
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Thank you for your letter of 15 December to the Prime Minister inviting her to visit the Northern Ireland Small Business Institute. I know that the Prime Minister would very much like to do this, but at the moment I can see no time at which she might be able to include this in her programme. Could I please ask you to liaise directly with Martin Donnelly of the Northern Ireland Office? He will be able to advise you on the various possibilities.

P.A. Bearpark

A.R. Heal, Esq.

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From: THE PRIVATE SECRETARY

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NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE

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P A Bearpark Esq  
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26 January 1988

*Dear Andy*

Thank you for your letter of 17 December regarding Mr Robin Heal's invitation to the Prime Minister to open the new premises of the Northern Ireland Small Business Institute (NISBI).

As Mr Heal says in his letter, NISBI was established just under 4 years ago on the campus of the New University of Ulster. Its objectives are to stimulate and support the development of the small firms sector within Northern Ireland. In its relatively short life so far, NISBI has developed a wide range of training, advice, counselling and research activities aimed both at encouraging the growth of new businesses and improving the competitive performance of the Province's existing small firms. Although based at one of Ulster's two Universities, NISBI is not just another academic institution but has forged practical and successful links between the University, the public and the private sectors. It attracts a significant proportion of its income from private companies - indeed BP is a major contributor - and meets much of its staffing requirements by way of private sector secondments.

As NISBI has developed its programmes, it has established its reputation not only within Northern Ireland's own business community but also elsewhere throughout the United Kingdom and even internationally. At present NISBI has developed a programme to expose Northern Ireland's entrepreneurs to the enterprise and drive of the United State's small business world.

We believe that the formal opening of NISBI's new programmes would be worthy of inclusion in the programme for any visit by the Prime Minister to the Province, but would not in itself represent the justification for such a visit. We have also noted it as a possible event in a programme for an appropriate future Royal visit. If the

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time frame does not permit either alternative, you may be assured that a Northern Ireland Minister would be more than willing to perform the opening ceremony. It would perhaps be best therefore if you would ask Mr Heal to liaise directly with this office.

*Yours sincerely*

*Martin Donnelly*

M E DONNELLY

A. P. HEAL

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*From the Private Secretary*

17 December 1987

I should be grateful for your advice on the attached letter. I do not think Mr Heal has quite correctly reported the Prime Minister's views, and I would suspect that other considerations would prevent her being able to accept this invitation anyway, but it may be that one of your Ministers may wish to take it on?

P.A. Bearpark

Robin Masefield Esq  
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BRITANNIC HOUSE,  
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15th December, 1987

A. R. HEAL

*16/12*

Dear Prime Minister,

You may recall that we met in October 1986 when you opened the new offices of the London Enterprise Agency in Snow Hill; at the time you indicated that you would welcome an invitation to open another expanding Agency of comparable size and economic significance.

The British Petroleum Company was a founder member of both the London Enterprise Agency and its equivalent in Belfast, the Northern Ireland Small Business Institute. NISBI was established in May 1984 and has since rapidly expanded its operations and gained very considerably in reputation. NISBI is perhaps unique in that it is based at a major University (the University of Ulster) and receives significant support from the EEC. It is therefore an active and successful partnership, not only between Government and the private sector but also between academics and industry and between Britain and Europe. In terms of the range of operational activity, staffing, financial resources and ambitions for future development, NISBI and LEntA rank far above any of the other 287 Enterprise Agencies in the UK.

NISBI has now outgrown its current premises at the University and has recently acquired additional facilities on the campus by taking over accommodation released by a residential school for disabled children where demand for places has significantly reduced over the last few years. Conversion costs for the new premises - which will treble the space available for NISBI and will for the first time provide internal training facilities - are being met equally by ourselves, Government and the EEC. The BP contribution to NISBI's expansion programme in the current financial year is £45,000. Included in the planned conversion is a proposal to provide a garden and playground area for the disabled children who will continue to be NISBI's immediate neighbours.

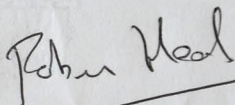
Conversion work is now well underway and should be completed in 3-4 months. It would therefore be highly appropriate to have the new complex opened at a suitable ceremony sometime during the second quarter 1988. We would be delighted and honoured if you would agree to open the new complex.

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I am of course very conscious of the security situation, and only the Chairman and Chief Executive of NISBI are aware of my approach to you. I am, however, copying this letter to Peter Viggars, who as the Minister in the Northern Ireland office with the closest links with NISBI, would I am sure be able to confirm my assurances regarding its role and importance within the Northern Ireland economy. The new buildings are within the University campus in an area which would be relatively easy to isolate and control.

I would with respect suggest that your endorsement of NISBI in this way would be both appropriate and symbolic of your Government's commitment to enterprise and to the need to stimulate economic expansion in disadvantaged areas. Press coverage of Northern Ireland is inevitably focused on the negative; this would provide a unique opportunity to emphasise an aspect of development within Northern Ireland which has no sectarian bias and which offers real hope for the future.

Yours sincerely,

  
A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert Mead". A horizontal line is drawn underneath the signature, starting from the left and extending to the right, ending with a small arrowhead pointing left.

Manager, Community Projects,  
Government & Public Affairs Department

The Prime Minister,  
10, Downing Street,  
London.  
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COLONEL J D C FAULKNER CBE VRD  
COLONEL COMMANDANT ULSTER DEFENCE REGIMENT

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1st December 1987

The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, P.C., M.P.  
10 Downing Street  
LONDON  
SW1A 2AA

Dear Prime Minister,<sup>4</sup>

This is a brief note to say that your visit to Enniskillen was very much appreciated throughout Northern Ireland and that it did a great deal to create confidence and restore morale.

I would like to express our thanks on behalf of the Regiment.

Yours sincerely,  
Dennis Faulkner

DENNIS FAULKNER

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THE PRIME MINISTER

cc NIO  
24 November 1987

Dear Chief Constable,

I am most grateful to you for all your help in making the arrangements for me to attend the Remembrance Day Service in Enniskillen. Both the wreath-laying and the service were most moving and I was very glad to be present.

Would you please pass on my gratitude to all the members of the RUC who contributed to the security arrangements for my visit. I fear that it meant a lot of extra work for them, but as always they did a magnificent job. My admiration for them and their families is boundless.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher

Sir John Hermon, O.B.E.

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cc MIO

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23 November 1987

THE PRIME MINISTER

Dear Group Captain Stables,

I am most grateful to you and to the Royal Air Force for providing helicopters at such short notice for my journey yesterday to Enniskillen for the Remembrance Day ceremonies. As always, the Royal Air Force responded magnificently. Please convey my warm thanks and appreciation to the crews.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

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Group Captain A.J. Stables, O.B.E.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

23 November 1987

Dear Chief Superintendent,

I should like to send my warmest thanks to you and to all the members of L Division of the RUC for the arrangements made for the Remembrance Day ceremony and service in Enniskillen yesterday and for my own participation in it. I fear my presence must have created extra work at what is already a very difficult time for you all. But I was very pleased to have been able to come to stand with the people of Enniskillen in their sorrow, and to see for myself their enormous courage and fortitude.

Would you please thank all your officers on my behalf, not just for their work yesterday but for their constant bravery and dedication.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

Chief Superintendent Darryl Beaney

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THE PRIME MINISTER

23 November 1987

Dear Mr. Burns,

I wanted to let you know what a profoundly dignified and moving occasion I found yesterday's Remembrance Day ceremony and service in Enniskillen and I am most grateful for all that was done to make my visit possible. My visit enabled me to understand better the pain which your community has suffered and also the courage and fortitude with which they are bearing it. It deserves the deepest respect.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

Gerard Burns, Esq.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

23 November 1987

Dear Lord Lieutenant-

It was most good of you to welcome me on my arrival at Enniskillen yesterday and I was delighted to be able to attend the Remembrance Day ceremony and service. I found it a profoundly dignified and moving occasion and would particularly thank you for your own leading role in it. It was a sad occasion which brought us there but I hope that out of it may grow fresh hope for the people of Northern Ireland and particularly those of Fermanagh.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

The Earl of Erne, J.P.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

23 November 1987

Dear Colonel Broad,

Thank you so much for your kind hospitality in Enniskillen yesterday. It was a sad occasion which brought me there but I found the Remembrance Day ceremony and service profoundly moving and dignified. And my brief visit to your battalion served to remind me of the outstanding work done by the UDR. I should be grateful if you could convey my thanks and appreciation to all those under your command.

Yours sincerely

Raymond Sturt

Lt. Col. Jeremy Broad

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23 November 1987

THE PRIME MINISTER

Dear Sir Robert,

May I say how deeply grateful I am to all members of the Services who helped with the arrangements for my brief visit to Enniskillen yesterday. As always they responded magnificently. Please convey my thanks to all of them.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

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Lt. Gen. Sir Robert Pascoe, K.C.B., M.B.E.

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23 November 1987

THE PRIME MINISTER

Dear Mrs. McCarthy,

Thank you so much for your hospitality during my visit to Enniskillen yesterday. You were very kind to take us in and warm us up from the cold of the square. I found the Remembrance Day ceremony and the service following it very dignified and moving and I am most grateful to your husband for the great part which I know he played in this.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

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Mrs. J. McCarthy

ECM



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THE PRIME MINISTER

23 November 1987

Dear Archbishop,

I found yesterday's Remembrance Day ceremony and service at Enniskillen a most dignified and moving occasion. Your own sermon was both profound and eloquent and I am very glad to see that its message has been widely carried. I hope and pray that it will make a real contribution to the cause of re-establishing peace in Northern Ireland, which is what we all want.

With warm good wishes,

Yours sincerely

Raymond Storer

The Most Reverend R.H.A. Eames, Archbishop of Armagh

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THE PRIME MINISTER

23 November 1987

Dear Lieutenant Wilkie,

I am most grateful to you and to the members of the Royal British Legion in Enniskillen for enabling me to attend yesterday's Remembrance Day ceremony and service. It was a profoundly moving and dignified occasion in which it was an honour to take part. May I ask you to convey my gratitude and appreciation to all your members.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,  
Margaret Thatcher

Lt. D.A. Wilkie, M.B.E., R.N.

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ADDRESSES FOR ENNISKILLEN AS REQUESTED BY MR C POWELL

The Earl of Erne  
Crom Castle  
NEWTOWNBUTLER  
Co Fermanagh ✓

*Please send by  
facsimile to  
Mr. Powell,  
No. 10 Donny St.,  
R. Magill  
23/11*

The Rev John McCarthy  
The Rectory ✓  
St McCartins Cathedral  
ENNISKILLEN

Sir John Hermon OBE  
Chief Constable  
RUC HQ ✓  
Brooklyn  
Knock Road  
BELFAST BT5 6LE

Lt Gen Sir Robert Pascoe KCB MBE  
GOC ✓  
HQNI  
LISBURN  
BFPO 825

Archbishop R Eames  
The Most Reverend the Lord Archbishop of Armagh  
The See House ✓  
Cathedral Close  
ARMAGH BT61 7EE

Gerard Burns  
Clerk of Fermanagh District Council ✓  
65 Old Rossary Road  
ENNISKILLEN or TOWN HALL  
Co Fermanagh BT74 7LF ENNISKILLEN  
Co Fermanagh

[TO BE MARKED PERSONAL WHEN SENT TO HOME ADDRESS]

Chief Superintendent Darryl Beaney ✓ )  
Divisional Commander L Division ✓ )  
RUC ENNISKILLEN )  
Lt Douglas A Wilk<sup>ie</sup> MBE MBIM MIPR RN )  
Area Organiser Royal British Legion ✓ )  
Waring Street )  
BELFAST )

Miss Owen advises that PM  
should perhaps write to  
these people

Signed  
N DONNELLY  
Secretary of State's  
Private Office

23 November 1987

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or Town Hall  
ENNISKILLEN  
Co Fermanagh

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Divisional Commander L Division )  
RUC ENNISKILLEN )

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Area Organiser Royal British Legion ✓ )  
Waring Street )  
BELFAST )

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Signed

N DONNELLY  
Secretary of State's  
Private Office

23 November 1987

D.R.  
Charles - N10 gave me these names yesterday  
You may want to do thank-you letters,  
Jacqui.

THANK YOU LETTERS (ENNISKILLEN)

Lt. Col. Jeremy Broad,  
Commander, ✓  
4th (Co. Fermanagh) Btn UDR,  
BFPO  
813.

Sir John Herman OBE,  
Chief Constable,  
Royal Ulster Constabulary ✓  
Knock  
Belfast.

Send c/o RM (N10)  
for onward transmission

Mrs. J. MacCarthy,  
The Rectory,  
St. Macartin's Cathedran, ✓  
Enniskillen

The Rt. Rev. Robin Eames,  
Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland,  
See House, ✓  
Armagh

Group Captain Tony Stables - for helicopters to and from St. Angelo  
Officer Commanding RAF, ✓  
Aldergrove

B. R.

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PRIME MINISTER

VISIT TO NORTHERN IRELAND

I attach a final programme for the visit to Northern Ireland on Sunday morning. As you will see, we have had to bring the departure time from No.10 forward to 0730. Bernard and I will come into No.10 and leave with you. So far, security has been preserved and the only risk remains the weather. I will check the forecast last thing on Saturday evening and let you know if any problems are likely.

I can give you further details of the wreath-laying ceremony and the service in the Cathedral once we are on the aircraft.

I attach briefing biographies of those you are likely to meet.

C.D.P.

Charles Powell

20 November 1987

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO ENNISKILLEN  
SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER 1987Programme

0730 Depart No.10

0800 Depart Northolt

0915 Arrive RAF Aldergrove.  
Met by Northern Ireland Secretary and Mrs. King

0920 Leave by helicopter

1005 Arrive St. Angelo (Army Base). Meet Lord Lieutenant  
and Chief Constable, briefing and coffee.

1030 Leave St. Angelo by car

1040 Arrive War Memorial; Royal British Legion contingents  
(about 1,500) with UDR and bands already in position

1050 Laying of wreaths by Lord Lieutenant, Prime Minister,  
RBL officers, Clerk of District Council,  
Mr. Maginnis MP, CLF and Chief Constable

1100 Last Post and two minutes silence

1105 Lord Lieutenant moves to saluting base; parade marches  
off; remainder of wreath laying party by car to  
Cathedral

1130 Service in Cathedral (Church of Ireland:  
Archbishop Eames to preach)

1230 Service ends; Prime Minister processes down nave and  
leaves by maindoor (large crowd expected outside).

1240 Arrive St. Angelo

1250 Depart St. Angelo by helicopter

1335 Arrive RAF Aldergrove

1350 Take off for Paris

Notes:

1. Any change in timing will be notified in briefing at St. Angelo.
2. Other members of Prime Minister's party not involved in wreath-laying ceremony to go direct from St. Angelo to Cathedral.

## PERSONALITY NOTES ON VIPS

1. Earl of Erne, Lord Lieutenant for County Fermanagh

Henry Crichton, 6th Earl of Erne, was appointed Lord Lieutenant on 20 August 1986. His family live at Crom Castle, Newtownbutler and have long connections with Co Fermanagh. Aged 50, educated at Eton and served in Royal Navy from 1956 to 1959. Lieutenant in the North Irish Horse 1959 to 1966.

2. Royal British Legion

Lt Douglas A Wilkie MBE, MBIM, MIPR, RN Northern Ireland Organiser of Royal British Legion. Born in London of Scottish parents and has lived in Northern Ireland since 1965. Married with one daughter and one son. Served in Royal Navy for 40 years from 1942 to 1982 and was awarded MBE in 1977 for his recruitment work in the RN Careers Office in Belfast.

3. Church Representatives

- (a) Archbishop Robin Eames, Church of Ireland Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland. Appointed in February 1986 following the retirement of Archbishop Armstrong. Aged 50 he was born in Belfast, the son of a Methodist Minister and attended Queen's University and Trinity College. Married with two sons.
- (b) Bishop Brian Hannon, Church of Ireland Bishop of Clogher. Appointed in May 1986. Aged 50 he was born in Lurgan and is married with 3 children. He is currently Chairman of the Western Education and Library Board.

4. Local Personalities

- (a) **Ken Maginnis** MP for Fermanagh and South Tyrone since 1983. A school teacher prior to his election in 1983 and a former part-time major in the UDR. Official Unionist spokesman on security and member of the House of Commons Select Committee on Defence.
- (b) **Gerry Burns.** Clerk and Chief Executive of Fermanagh District Council. A long serving and respected local government officer.

5. Military

- (a) **Major General R J Hodges,** Commander Land Forces. Commissioned into Border Regiment in 1956. Has served in Hong Kong and Zimbabwe. Took up his present post on 1 May 1987. He is married and has two teenage children.
- (b) **Lt Colonel J S Broad,** RWF, Commanding Officer 4 UDR. Commissioned into 1 Royal Welsh Fusiliers in 1967 and assumed command of 4 UDR (Co Fermanagh) in June 1986. He is married with 2 children.

6. RUC

- (a) **Sir John Hermon** OBE, Chief Constable. Joined RUC in 1950. Former Commandant of the RUC Training Centre when it was based in Enniskillen. Appointed Chief Constable in 1980 succeeding Sir Kenneth Newman. He is a widower with 2 grown up children.
- (b) **David B Mellor** BA LLB, Assistant Chief Constable Rural West. Mr Mellor joined RUC in 1980 following 17 years service with Nottingham Constabulary. Appointed Assistant Chief Constable in 1984 and is currently responsible for the West of the Province including Co Fermanagh.

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Prime Minister

10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

VISIT TO NORTHERN IRELAND

I have discussed with the  
Remarks Secretary of the Northern Ireland  
Office the programme for your visit to  
Finniskillen next Sunday morning. I attach  
the resulting outline together with a map.

You will want to note the

following points:

- (i) you go first to the War Memorial  
where you lay a wreath. The British Legion &  
USR then march to the Cathedral. You and  
other dignitaries go by car. There is no  
procession in which it would be appropriate  
for you to march.
- (ii) the advice is that your party should be



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From the Private Secretary

very small indeed. Only one person,  
apart from Mr. Baker, can accompany you to  
the wreath-laying at the cathedral. (Security  
people count separately). That had better be  
me, as a link, leaving Bernard & the Gender  
Room girl at the helicopter landing point.

(iii) Mr. Kinnock is likely to attend. The Northern  
Ireland office will make 'normal' arrangements  
for him i.e. provide an armoured car &  
protection, leaving him to negotiate his participation  
direct with the British Legion. They will also  
offer the same facility to Mr. Steel. They  
will say nothing to either about your  
participation.

(iv) There is unlikely to be an opportunity for  
you to speak to press & television except  
on return to RAF Aldergrove.

(v) In the event of really bad weather, it will

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not be possible for you to attend. The  
Chief Constable will not sanction a  
road journey on security grounds. But  
statistically the chances of having to  
scrub the visit are very slight.

Content with these plans?

C.D.P.

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Thank you  
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*Prime Minister's*  
SECRETARY OF STATE'S PROPOSED VISIT TO ENNISKILLEN,  
SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER 1987

Programme (as at 18 November)

0755	<i>Depart No. 10</i>
0830	<i>Depart Northolt</i>
0930	Arrive RAF Aldergrove
0945	Leave by helicopter
1030	Arrive St Angelo - by car to War Memorial
1040	Arrive War Memorial
	Royal British Legion contingents (about 1,500) and UDR already paraded
1050	Laying of wreaths by Lord Lieutenant, <i>Prime Minister</i> [SofS] RBL officers, Mr Burns, Mr Maginnis, GOC and Chief Constable.
1100	Last Post and two minutes silence
1105	Lord Lieutenant moves to saluting base; parade marches off; remainder of wreath laying party direct to Cathedral
1130	Service in Cathedral (Church of Ireland: Archbishop Eames to preach)
1230	Service ends; SofS to leave by side exit to car
1240	Arrive St Angelo
1250	Depart St Angelo by helicopter
1330	Arrive RAF Aldergrove
1345	<i>Depart for Paris</i>

Notes:

- 1) All times are approximate and will be confirmed later.
- 2) Other members of SofS's party not involved in wreath-laying ceremony to go direct from St Angelo to Cathedral

Northern Ireland Office  
18 November 1987

16 November 1987

MR POWELL

*Back you  
C88 23/11*

ANY VISIT TO NORTHERN IRELAND - MEDIA

Last week's publicity about the Prime Minister's projected visit to Enniskillen - and the Enniskillen outrage itself - has prompted me to think about the media aspects of any future visit.

The legacy of past visits is some disaffection on the part of the media which I would like to lessen if i. security allows; and ii. it is in the Prime Minister's policy and personal interest to do so.

Essentially, the complaint is that:

- i. newspapers have no opportunity to question the Prime Minister; the presence of PA at radio and television interviews is felt to be an "insult " to the writing press;
- ii. it is all very well giving radio and television interviews provided we give them to both BBC and commercial radio; in practice that means Downtown Radio, whose interviewer would be Eamonn Mallie, joint author with Patrick Bishop, Sunday Telegraph, of a book on the IRA and an aggressive interviewer of the Prime Minister in the past.

For the future I am inclined towards a press conference, which we last had on the occasion of the signing of the Anglo-Irish Agreement two years ago. In the potentially changed circumstances after Enniskillen there might be much to be said for the Prime Minister trying to bring the communities together and to urge the Dublin Government to increase cross-border security.

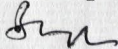
If we did hold a press conference, we should of course have to lay on satisfactory vetting arrangements through NIO.

I would also be inclined to follow any press conference with the following five minute interviews:

- BBC radio and television (one dual purpose interview)
- Ulster TV (interview also for ITN)
- IRN (interview for mainland Britain)
- RTE, Dublin (since this is an important audience)
- Downtown Radio (primarily to address the Catholic population).

All this implies a bigger information effort on the occasion of the next visit.

You may care to discuss.



BERNARD INGHAM

TOP SECRET

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PRIME MINISTER

VISIT TO NORTHERN IRELAND

I have begun discussions with Sir Robert Andrew about your planned visit to Northern Ireland on 25 and 26 November. This note - which exists only in one copy - summarises where we stand.

Security

A full security assessment can only be made nearer the time. But I have warned Sir Robert Andrew that we shall need reassurance on two particular points:

- (a) the possible possession by the IRA of SAM-7s and
- (b) the implications for your security on the second day of the fact that your presence in the Province will be known earlier than usual.

Sir Robert was inclined to play down the first point. It now seems doubtful that the IRA actually have SAM-7s. We could use the VC 10 - which is equipped with detection and avoidance facilities - to bring you in to RAF Aldergrove; and the helicopters you would use would also be fully equipped. He will consult the Chief Constable on the second point nearer the time.

Political Climate

There are a number of event which could affect the political climate by the end of November: a possible announcement on the closure of Harland and Wolff; a decision on further prosecutions in the Stalker case; a firm decision by the Irish Government not to ratify the European Convention on the suppression of terrorism; a breakdown in the talks about talks with the Unionists. None of these would make it impossible for you to pay a visit. But they could affect the exact nature of your programme and make it less advisable for you to visit certain areas. Again, this needs to be looked at nearer the time.

Timing

You will remember that the Northern Ireland Secretary is keen for you to make an overnight stay in the Province. This would be seen as something of a vote of confidence in the relative

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return to normality. Our planning is therefore based on the assumption that you would leave London directly after Questions on the Thursday to fly to Belfast; would carry out some evening engagements there; would stay overnight at Hillsborough Castle and would then have a full programme on the Friday, returning to London at dusk.

Programme

The Northern Ireland Secretary would like to reduce slightly the emphasis on the security forces in your programme and let you see more of other aspects of life in Northern Ireland. This would help emphasise the return to normality. I have told him that I think that you would be ready to consider this, although you would certainly want to include the security forces fully in your programme. The main events which they are planning are as follows:

- a large reception at Hillsborough on the first evening. They would invite to this a large number of ordinary people who work in the public services, such as firemen, ambulancemen, nurses, police and so on, including those engaged in the recent flood relief operations. The idea would be to have rather more indians than chiefs.
- A small dinner for about twenty people, also at Hillsborough. The intention would be to invite a number of younger people who are described as high achievers, for instance in the arts and sciences.
- On the Friday morning, you would start by visiting one or two factories in the north-west, travelling there by helicopter. One would be Desmonds, who are suppliers to Marks and Spencer. The other would be Duponts, as an example of American investment. Both are in predominantly Nationalist areas. Such visits would be regarded as an important breakthrough in your meeting directly with the community rather than seeing only the security forces.

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- Later in the day you would visit both the Army and the RUC. I have said that I think you would prefer to go to outposts rather than headquarters and meet people who are in the front line. The Northern Ireland Secretary is keen for you to visit the RUC training school and meet some of the younger recruits. This seems a good idea. I have suggested that you might also meet some RUC widows and bereaved families.

- You would probably want to give a press conference at RAF Aldergrove before your departure.

I have asked whether it would yet be safe for you to do some sort of walkabout. The view of the experts is that it might be but a decision can only be taken very much nearer the time.

It would be helpful to know whether you would be generally content with a programme on these lines so that some preliminary work can be done on it. But I should emphasise that only a very small handful of people will be involved at this stage: the Northern Ireland Secretary, Sir Robert Andrew, the Chief Constable, the GOC.

Generally content with the above outline?

(C. D. POWELL)

3 November 1987

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*From the Private Secretary*

8 January 1987

The Prime Minister was delighted with the photograph taken in the Wessex and has asked me to thank you and all those at RAF Aldergrove who shared in her visit.

(Charles Powell)

Group Captain Hall.

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SIR JOHN HERMON, O.B.E.  
CHIEF CONSTABLE

5 January 1987

Dear Prime Minister,

May I thank you for your generous and supportive remarks to the Force for the manner in which they performed their duties during 1986. Your message has been circulated throughout the Force and I know will be very much appreciated by all ranks.

The Force joins with me in extending to you and your husband every best wish for 1987, and beyond.

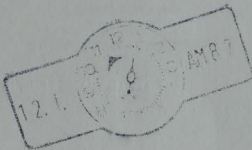
Thank you also for the personal autographed photograph which arrived as I write. My family and I are delighted to possess it.

Yours sincerely,  
N. Hermon

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Chief Constable

The Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher MP  
Prime Minister  
10 Downing Street  
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Mr Charles Powell  
PS to Prime Minister  
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SENIOR ROYAL AIR FORCE OFFICER NORTHERN IRELAND  
ROYAL AIR FORCE  
ALDERGROVE  
BRITISH FORCES POST OFFICE 808

5 January 1987

*Dear Mr Powell,*

I could not resist the temptation to pass on a rather lovely photograph of the Prime Minister and Mr Thatcher taken at Aldergrove during their Christmas tour of Northern Ireland. I am afraid the plumbing in our ageing Wessex somewhat detracts from the scene but I hope the Prime Minister will accept the photograph, as a reminder of a visit that was much appreciated by all at Royal Air Force Aldergrove

*Yours sincerely,*

*Henry Hall —*



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24 December 1986

THE PRIME MINISTER

Dear General Pascoe,

I very much enjoyed my visit to the Armed Forces in Northern Ireland yesterday, and was immensely impressed by their high morale and efficiency. I know how very hard they have to work during their tours of duty, often in difficult and uncomfortable conditions. Their dedication and courage are remarkable, and deserve the warmest thanks and praise.

I should be very grateful if you could pass on my particular thanks to all those concerned with the arrangements for my visit.

With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher

Lt. General Sir Robert Pascoe, KCB, MBE.

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10 DOWNING STREET  
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24 December 1986

THE PRIME MINISTER

Dear Tom.

I am most grateful to you and to all your staff for the work that went into my visit to the security forces in Northern Ireland yesterday. I felt that it had been well worthwhile, and I was very much impressed by the strong morale and resilience of the security forces, as well as of your own people. I need no reminding of how very trying conditions are in Northern Ireland at present. But with the strong lead which you give and the excellent work done by all those whose responsibility it is to carry on the running of the Province, I am confident that we shall see steady progress made towards normality. Thank you all very much.

With best wishes for Christmas  
and the New Year.

Yours ever  
Margaret

The Rt. Hon. Tom King, M.P.

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24 December 1986

THE PRIME MINISTER

Dear Sir John,

I was impressed and encouraged by all the evidence which I found during my visit to the Province yesterday of the excellent work and high morale of the RUC. I know what an exceptionally difficult year this has been for them and for their families. But they have shown courage and dedication of the highest order, and the whole country has reason to be grateful to them. Your personal example and leadership have, of course, been crucial.

I should be grateful if you could pass on my particular thanks to all those who took part in the arrangements for my visit. I was delighted to be able to meet so many of them.

With best wishes for Christmas and for a peaceful New Year.

Yours sincerely

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Sir John Hermon, O.B.E.

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22 December 1986.



Dear Charles,

We discussed contact telephone numbers. They are (serial numbers reflect those in programme delivered by Sir Robert Andrew on Friday):

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|-------------------------|--------|-----------|
| 1. Crumlin (08494)      | 22051  | 0815/0820 |
| 3. Caledon (0861)       | 568568 | 0845/910  |
| 5. Armagh (0861)        | 524636 | 0925/1010 |
| 8. Belfast (0232)       | 58411  | 1045/1130 |
| 11. Belfast (0232)      | 749289 | 1145/1230 |
| 13. Hillsborough (0846) | 682244 | 1300/1545 |

Departure number is same as serial 1.

Any difficulties tomorrow, Geoffrey Sonnenberg should be able to sort on 0232 63011 x 227/8.

Yours sincerely,  
Neil Wand

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## PRIME MINISTER

## VISIT TO NORTHERN IRELAND

I attach the programme and briefs for your visit to Northern Ireland, together with notes on the people whom you are likely to meet.

We have inverted the programme, so that we get in all the action before lunch. This will mean leaving No.10 at 0630, in order to get to RAF Aldergrove at 0815. You will helicopter straight down to the border and then work your way back up to Belfast. You will lunch at Hillsborough at 1315 and then have TV interviews there, before returning to London. One disadvantage of doing it this way is that we shall not, for security reasons, be able to get TV crews to your border visit. But the army and RUC will film it, and the networks will probably take their film.

While you are at Gough Barracks, Armagh, you will meet a group of RUC men brought up from Newry. They have taken very heavy casualties there this year and last from mortar attacks. (It is not considered safe for you to go to Newry itself: the helicopters cannot get in, and the streets round the RUC station are very narrow.)

At RUC HQ Castlereagh, you will be given a very restricted intelligence briefing. This will be for you and one other (probably me) only.

At Girdwood Park, you will meet some of the bomb disposal teams.

The lunch guests have been invited to a Christmas lunch with the Northern Ireland Secretary, but will learn of your attendance that morning. They include the Chairmen of the various authorities i.e. the people who keep Northern Ireland

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going plus church leaders. The lunch will be buffet, so that you can move from table to table. It would be nice if you could make a short speech. I attach some notes.

After lunch there will be short, 4/5 minute interviews with BBC/TV, ITV, UTV. ~~and~~ Press Association *will be present.*

You will want a warm coat and some stout shoes.

I assume that you have now told Mr. Thatcher about the visit.

C.P.

(Charles Powell)

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Permanent Under Secretary of State  
Sir Robert Andrew KCB

19 December 1986

Dear Nigel,

OPERATION CONGEAL

I enclose two copies of briefing material for this visit including a steering brief with the programme attached, a short background note, details of the places to be visited and personalities to be met, and notes on the guests invited to lunch.

For security reasons the programme, which has to be distributed on a limited basis in the RUC and the Army, has been described as a Visit by the Secretary of State for Defence; and the lunch invitations have been issued to a Christmas Lunch being given by the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland. Nevertheless, there is usually speculation about a Prime Ministerial visit at this time of year and as soon as she arrives in the Province (if not before) it will be assumed that she will be attending the lunch at Hillsborough. This may well lead to a hostile Loyalist demonstration, but the RUC will, of course, take the necessary steps to deal with the situation.

On the PR front, it will not be possible to provide commercial TV cameras at Middletown since they would have to be airlifted there in advance, which would breach security, but we will have a police/army cameraman available. There will be TV cameras at Castlereagh and Girdwood Park and we are arranging for TV interviews at Hillsborough. I understand that David Gilliland has been discussing details with Bernard Ingham this morning.

I will mention a few minor administrative points when I deliver this material to you this afternoon.

Your ever,

N L Wicks Esq CBE  
No 10 Downing Street

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OPERATION CONGEALSTEERING BRIEFPurpose of Visit

The primary purpose is for you to visit the security forces - both RUC and Army - immediately before Christmas in order to express appreciation of their work in combatting terrorism and maintaining law and order during the past year. The RUC in particular have had a difficult year, with public disorder and attacks on police officers and their homes by loyalist extremists following the Anglo-Irish Agreement, in addition to the continued campaign by Republican terrorists which has included mortar attacks on a number of police stations.

2. The programme also includes lunch at Hillsborough to give you an opportunity to meet a cross-section of non-political personalities - chairmen of public bodies, church leaders, businessmen and academics. This will enable you to thank them for their contribution to keeping the Province working in difficult circumstances. You may also wish to encourage those you meet to put pressure on the leaders of the local political parties to behave in a more responsible way, and in particular to enter into dialogue with each other.

Programme

The programme is attached. It is designed to combine a visit to an operational RUC/Army station with briefings at headquarters. The order of visits is determined largely by security considerations. Travel will be almost entirely by helicopter. An alternative bad weather programme is also attached, with travel by road; but this would mean omitting Middletown.

Briefing material

Briefs are attached as follows:

- Annex I - Short background note
- Annex II - Notes on places to be visited and personalities.
- Annex III - Notes on guests invited to lunch.

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No formal speeches are included in the programme but it is expected that you will wish to say a few words at lunch and a separate note has been submitted for this purpose. TV cameras will be present at several of the places visited (but not at Middletown) and arrangements are being made for interviews with the BBC, ITN, UTV, RTE and the Press Association at Hillsborough after lunch.

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ANNEX I

OPERATION CONGEAL

BACKGROUND NOTE

The Secretary of State for Northern Ireland provided a general analysis of the situation in his minute of 19 November. During the past month PIRA mortar attacks on police stations and off-duty members of the security forces have continued. On 15 December there was a major car bomb attack on a police station in South Belfast which caused widespread damage but fortunately no fatal casualties; and numerous other bombs have been defused. During the past year RUC casualties have been 12 killed and 619 injured. The Army (including UDR) have had 12 killed and 54 injured.

2. Unionist opposition to the Anglo-Irish Agreement continues unabated (and many of those whom you will meet at lunch are opposed to it in varying degrees). But the political parties cannot agree on how to pursue their campaign. A majority of UUP District Councillors have refused the leadership's request to resign their seats. The UUP remain divided over whether they want integration or devolution; and the DUP are uncertain whether to join with extremist loyalist groups in opposing the Agreement by force. Devolved government remains our best hope, but there has been no sign yet that Molyneaux and Paisley are prepared to talk to the SDLP while the Agreement continues to be implemented as at present, or even that they could agree on what to talk about. Political life in the Province has largely come to a halt. There is increasing concern among non-political elements at the negative tactics (and antics) of the unionist leadership and fears about the direction in which it is taking the Province; but attempts to bring the political leaders together have so far been unsuccessful. Some of these fears may be expressed at lunch, with worries about what will happen if there is no political movement before the next General Election.

3. Meanwhile, the Anglo-Irish Agreement has survived its first year in good shape. The Intergovernmental Conference met again in Belfast on 8 December. Considerable progress has been made in introducing measures to reassure the minority without having any real adverse effect on the majority; and a foundation has been laid for improved cross-border security co-operation. Future operation of the Agreement will depend very much on the fate of the FitzGerald government which remains precarious, although it succeeded in

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getting its Extradition Bill through the Dail last week. The expectation is that there will be a general election early in the New Year and that Mr Haughey and Fianna Fail are likely to emerge as victors. It remains to be seen what Haughey's attitude to the Agreement will be: in spite of public statements he seems unlikely to want to repudiate or renegotiate it, but will press for changes to take place more quickly.

4. The economy of Northern Ireland remains in a poor state. There have been some encouraging new developments (eg the Shorts order for "Starstreak" and some new Japanese investment) but Harland and Wolff had to announce 800 redundancies last month. Unemployment remains high and the situation is likely to remain difficult because demographic trends are working against us. The Province's economic problems are partly due to factors unconnected with the present troubles; but the image of Northern Ireland as a place of violence and political instability does not help investment. The McBride Principles are likely to become an increasing obstacle to investment from the USA. Some of these points may come up in conversation with businessmen at lunch.

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## B. THE PRESENT SECURITY SITUATION

The present PIRA campaign is the most intense and sustained ever mounted. Attacks on security force bases were stepped up about 18 months ago, and show no sign of diminishing. The RUC stations at Plumbridge, Toomebridge, Ballygawley, Carrickmore, Tynan, Enniskillen, The Beeches (Portadown) and Newry have been destroyed or severely damaged, and within the last 3 months, security force bases at Forkhill, Crossmaglen, Drumackavall, Glassdrumman, Middletown, Dungiven, and Newry have come under further heavy attack. On 15 December the RUC station at Lisburn Road was virtually destroyed. Damage and casualties throughout would have been much higher but for intensive and successful efforts by the security forces.

The other limb of PIRA's strategy has been a campaign of threats against anyone who assists the security forces, and particularly against building contractors. This has had a severe impact on the normal police building programme, as well as multiplying the difficulties of replacing destroyed or damaged police stations. There are in effect only two building contractors presently engaged on work on RUC stations. One has already been subject to attack, and should either withdraw the implications would be most serious. The Royal Engineers have provided invaluable 'first aid' assistance, and have replaced buildings at Ballygawley, Toomebridge and Carrickmore; but their available resources will before long be exhausted, and other approaches will be necessary.

SofS for Northern Ireland has therefore commissioned advice from a prominent figure in the private sector on the best way of tackling the problem. His report will be submitted shortly, and one of his recommendations is likely to be that NIO should itself provide a direct building arm for at least the most difficult projects and areas. If SofS accepts this advice, he will have to approach colleagues for their support.

## NI ECONOMY

### 1. General

- narrow base of manufacturing industry, in which important elements remain vulnerable
- encouraging success in creating new small businesses, but difficult to replace jobs lost by closure or contraction of large operations
- economic recovery slower and weaker than in GB

### 2. Social indices

- (a) Housing - standards have improved over last 15 years from 20% unfitness to 10% now (as compared with 6% in England)
- (b) Education - NI children obtain better "O" and "A" level results than children in England but a higher proportion leave school with no qualifications at all (22% in NI, 10% in England)
- approx 25% of NI first degree university entrants go to universities in GB and of these some 85% do not return
- (c) Health - NI infant mortality rate is among the highest in Western Europe
- level of coronary heart disease is one of the highest in the world
  - high rate of congenital abnormalities
- (d) Social Security - almost 21% of income in NI is derived from social security benefit. (c/f 14% in UK)
- over 35% of households are dependent on housing benefit
  - the proportion of the population dependent on

Supplementary Benefit is about 8% higher than in GB

- Social Security accounts for 30% of NI block budget

### 3. Unemployment

- at 18.9% of working population, 22% of employees (November) Northern Ireland unemployment is higher than any other UK region
- total of 128,400 (November) is slight improvement over October but underlying trend over past year is still upwards
- about half unemployment is in Belfast TTWA (65,000 or 19%) although highest rates are found in border areas like Strabane (3,800 or 38%)
- half unemployed have been out of work for over 1 year
- demographic trends (high birth rate, lower emigration) add to the problems

### 4. Industrial base

- Northern Ireland has a narrow manufacturing base, heavily dependent on declining traditional industries (textiles, clothing and footwear, shipbuilding)
- man-made fibre sector has collapsed. ICI, Courtaulds, British Enkalon have all closed their NI operations
- decline in tobacco industry (Carreras Rothman has closed, Gallahers has significantly reduced its workforce)
- 42,000 manufacturing jobs lost over past 7 years through company contractions and closures
- manufacturing base has shrunk to less than 100,000 jobs (representing 15% of total jobs)

5. Employment Distribution

- Public sector, which provides much needed spending power, accounts for some 44% of total employment (GB 38%). This high % reflects the decrease in other sectors and not an increase in Public Sector jobs
- Agriculture (50,000 jobs) accounts for 10%, mainly small family farms
- There is difficulty with grass based economy (milk and beef) with less scope for diversification in NI because of climate and soils
- Construction Industry, excluding self-employed now stands at 20,000 - a decrease of 25% since 1981
- Private service sector is largely aimed at meeting local needs and is unlikely to be able to offer compensatory increases to meet declines elsewhere

6. Government action

- much is being done; high level of Government expenditure, NI block for 1987/88 will be approx £4.8 billion
- the Northern Ireland investment incentive package is best in UK
- high level of support for indigenous industry
- some 25,600 persons are benefitting from special employment and training measures (14,000 young people, 11,600 adults)

7. Future prospects

- improvement in inward investment is difficult and not helped by Province's poor image and current political instability
- NI needs 12,000 new jobs each year to keep employment at its current level - at present, job creation agencies generate 6500 per annum (IDB - 3,500, LEDU - 3000)

- BUT THERE HAVE BEEN RECENT GOOD NEWS ITEMS ON THE INDUSTRIAL FRONT
- Du Pont recently selected Londonderry as location for a new manufacturing facility (300 jobs)
- Fords have shown confidence in their NI facility by an investment programme of £29m which will renew 750 existing jobs
- A Japanese company has now set up in the Province and a second has been announced
- award of £225m MOD contract to Shorts for Starstreak Missile will help secure jobs in Missile Division
- massive finds of lignite and cheaper energy prospects
- hopefully these, and similar developments, can lead to an emerging industrial confidence in the future of the Province

8. The way ahead

- Goodwill throughout Europe and elsewhere towards Northern Ireland (International Fund)
- but in the short term Northern Ireland must look to its own resources
- work ethic to be build upon by encouraging local new enterprise and entrepreneurship, also local sourcing by major companies
- in longer term, work towards improving Northern Ireland's image abroad, emphasis on our successes, good news etc, countering adverse media representation of NI.

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BAD WEATHER PROGRAMME

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
1. 0815	Arrive RAF Aldergrove	Met by SofS for Northern Ireland PUS, Chief Constable, GOC, SRAFONI
2. 0820	Depart (car) for RUC Armagh	Total party 13 (Visitor + 6, SofS + 4, Chief Constable)  RUC to provide transport
3. 0915	Arrive RUC Armagh  Meet police including contingent from Newry  Meet army, including contingents from 1 Grenadier Guards 2 UDR Royal Engineers	Met by CLF and Divisional Commander J Division RUC  Superintendent Howe
4. 0945	Depart Armagh for RUC Castlereagh	Total party 13 (Visitor + 6, SofS + 4, Chief Constable)  RUC to provide transport
5. 1050	Arrive RUC Castlereagh  Visit a. Belfast Regional Control b. Tasking and Coordination Group	Met by ACC Steenson  Chief Superintendent Hutchinson Chief Superintendent White (accommodation limited to Visitor + 1, SofS + 1, Chief Constable)
6. 1125	Depart Castlereagh for Girdwood Park	Total pax 12 (Visitor + 6, SofS + 4)
7. 1145	Arrive Girdwood Park  Meet elements of 3 Royal Anglian 7/10 UDR Duty EOD Team	Met by CLF and Commander 39 Brigade
8. 1215	Depart Girdwood for Hillsborough Castle	Total pax 12 (Visitor + 6, SofS + 4)

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| 9.  | 1245 | Arrive Hillsborough Castle                                                                |                                                                           |
| 10. | 1315 | Lunch                                                                                     |                                                                           |
| 11. | 1445 | TV Interviews                                                                             |                                                                           |
| 12. | 1525 | Depart Hillsborough Castle for RAF Aldergrove                                             | RUC transport for 14 pax (Visitor + 6, SofS + 4, Chief Constable GOC)     |
| 13. | 1605 | Arrive RAF Aldergrove                                                                     | Met by SRAFONI                                                            |
|     |      | Meet RAF and AAC helicopter crews, and Reconnaissance and Interpretation Centre personnel |                                                                           |
| 14. | 1625 | Depart RAF Aldergrove                                                                     | SofS for Northern Ireland, Chief Constable, GOC and SRAFONI in attendance |

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DETAILED BRIEFING

This Annex comprises:

- A - Personality notes on the reception party at Aldergrove
- B - Note on the present security situation, including problem of repair of police stations
- C - Middletown RUC Station, with personality notes
- D - Gough Barracks, Armagh and Newry RUC Station, with personality notes
- E - Girdwood Park: units and personality notes
- F - RUC Castlereagh, with personality notes
- G - RAF Aldergrove: units and personality notes

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A. PERSONALITY NOTES - RAF ALDERGROVE

1. SIR JOHN HERMON OBE (CHIEF CONSTABLE)

Sir John Hermon, the Chief Constable, is aged 58 and has held this present post since 1980. He joined the RUC in 1950 and has served in a variety of posts including a period as Commandant of the RUC Training Centre as Enniskillen. He also spent some time seconded to the London Metropolitan Police and was the first RUC officer to attend the Police Staff College at Bramshill. Sir John's wife died recently after a short illness. He has 2 children, a son who is single and lives in Northern Ireland and a married daughter living in USA.

2. LIEUTENANT GENERAL SIR ROBERT PASCOE KCB MBE, GOC

Lieutenant General Robert (Bob) Pascoe was born in 1932. He joined the Army as a National Serviceman in 1950 and, after attending the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, he was commissioned in 1952 into the Regular Army and joined his regiment, The Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry (43rd and 52nd) serving near Suez in the Canal Zone.

He has served in various locations throughout the world including, Korea, Cyprus, the Middle East, the Persian Gulf, Malaysia and the Lebanon.

In April 1983 he was appointed as Chief of Staff at Headquarters United Kingdom Land Forces and assumed his present appointment as General Officer Commanding Northern Ireland in May 1985.

Lieutenant General Pascoe is married and he and his wife have four children.

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GROUP CAPTAIN HENRY HALL (SENIOR RAF OFFICER, NI)

Group Captain Hall joined the RAF in 1961. His recent postings have included the Procurement Executive, RAF Lyneham and as Wing Commander Air Transport Policy and Training.

4. SIR ROBERT ANDREW KCB (PERMANENT UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE  
NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE)

Sir Robert Andrew was born in 1928. Educated King's College School, Wimbledon and Merton College, Oxford. Entered Civil Service 1952: served in War Office and Ministry of Defence; seconded to NATO 1967-70; Private Secretary to Lord Carrington 1971-73. Civil Service Department 1973-75. Home Office 1976-83: Head of Police Department. PUS, Northern Ireland Office since 1984: took part in negotiation of the Anglo-Irish Agreement. Married with two sons.

5. MR DAVID GILLILAND CBE, Director of NI Information Services, and MR W J (BILL) INNES, NIO Assistant Under-Secretary responsible for Law and Order, will accompany the party throughout the visit.

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PROGRAMME FOR VISIT BY SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DEFENCE

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
1. 0815	Arrive <u>RAF Aldergrove</u>	Met by SofS for NI, PUS, Chief Constable, GOC, SRAFONI
2. 0820	Depart (helicopter) for RUC <u>Middletown</u>	Total pax 13 (Visitor + 6, SofS + 4, Chief Constable)
3. 0845	Arrive <u>Middletown</u>	Met by Major General Jeapes CLF and Station Inspector RUC
4. 0910	Depart Middletown (helicopter) for <u>Armagh</u>	Total pax 14 (Visitor + 6, SofS + 4, Chief Constable, CLF)
5. 0925	Arrive Gough Barracks, RUC Armagh	Met by Chief Superintendent Lally Divisional Commander J Division
	Meet police including contingent from <u>Newry</u>	Superintendent Howe
	Meet army, including contingents from 1 Grenadier Guards 2 UDR Royal Engineers	
6. 1010	Depart (helicopter) for RUC <u>Castlereagh</u>	Total pax 13 (Visitor + 6, SofS + 4, Chief Constable)
7. 1035	Arrive Ladas Drive	RUC to provide cars (13 pax) to Castlereagh
8. 1045	Arrive <u>RUC Castlereagh</u>	Met by ACC Steenson
	Visit a. Belfast Regional Control	Chief Superintendent Hutchinson
	b. Tasking & Coordination Group	Chief Superintendent White (Accommodation limited to Visitor + 1, SofS + 1, Chief Constable)
9. 1130	Depart RUC Castlereagh	RUC to provide cars to Ladas Drive
10. 1135	Depart Ladas Drive (helicopter) for <u>Girdwood Park</u>	Total pax 12 (Visitor + 6, SofS + 4)

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
11. 1145	Arrive Girdwood Park  Meet elements of 3 R Anglian 7/10 UDR Duty EOD Team	Met by Commander Land Forces and Commander 39 Brigade
12. 1230	Depart (helicopter) for Hillsborough Castle	Total pax 12 (Visitor + 6, SofS + 4)
13. 1245	Arrive Hillsborough Castle	RUC cars from helipad to Castle (12 pax)
14. 1315	Lunch	
15. 1500	TV Interviews	
16. 1540	Depart Hillsborough Castle for helipad	RUC to provide transport for 14 pax (Visitor + 6, SofS + 4, Chief Constable, GOC)
17. 1545	Depart (helicopter) for RAF Aldergrove	Total pax 14 (Visitor + 6, SofS + 4, Chief Constable, GOC)
18. 1605	Arrive RAF Aldergrove  Meet RAF and AAC helicopter crews, and Reconnaissance and Interpretation Centre personnel.	Met by SRAFONI
19. 1625	Depart RAF Aldergrove	SofS for Northern Ireland, Chief Constable, GOC and SRAFONI in attendance

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C. MIDDLETOWN RUC STATION, CO ARMAGH

The joint RUC/Army base in Middletown is located approximately 50 yards north of the border with the Republic of Ireland and includes a permanent vehicle checkpoint (PVCP) operated by the Army. The present Army unit, 1st Battalion the Grenadier Guards, have been at Middletown since September 1986 and are due to leave at the beginning of February next year. Members of 11 UDR are also presently based at Middletown. The joint base has been the subject of a number of terrorist attacks the most recent being on 23 November when 8 mortars were fired from across the border. The base was extensively damaged and a number of soldiers and policemen were injured although none seriously. The police station at Tynan (approximately 4 miles from Middletown) was completely destroyed by terrorists in a mortar attack on 11 December 1985. Since then Tynan has been policed from Middletown. The Police Authority have plans to construct a new RUC station for Middletown/Tynan on the northern side of Middletown.

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PERSONALITY NOTES - MIDDLETOWN

1. MAJOR GENERAL A S JEAPES, OBE MC, COMMANDER LAND FORCES

Major General Tony Jeapes was born in 1935 and educated at Rainespark Grammar School. He was commissioned into the Dorset Regiment in 1955 and was awarded the MC in 1959 and the OBE in 1977. Among his appointments have been the following:-

Bde Maj HQ 39 Inf Bde	1967/68
GSO 1(DS) Staff College	1972/74
CO 22 SAS	1974/77
GSO 1(DS) Bangledash Staff College	1977/79
D/Comdt School of Infantry	1979/82
Project Officer UKLF	1982
Special Duties C-in-C Fleet	1982
COS to CLF HQ C-in-C Fleet	1982
Brig Comd 5 Airborne Bde	1982/85
CLF NI 1985 -	

He is married and has two children; a son aged 20 years and a daughter aged 17 years.

2. OFFICER COMMANDING 2 COY 1 GRENADIER GUARDS (MIDDLETOWN)  
MAJOR SIR HERVEY BRUCE BT

Major Sir Hervey Bruce Bt, who is 34, was commissioned into the GREN GDS in 1971. Since then he has served in the UK, West Germany, Cyprus, Belize, Canada, Belize and Hong Kong where he was ADC to the Governor. He assumed his present command in December 1985 after graduating from the Staff College at Camberley. He is married and has a daughter and a son.

3. Inspector George Stevenson, RUC

Mr Stevenson is aged 50 and joined the RUC in 1956. He has been Inspector at Middletown for the past 7 years and prior to that was stationed at Portadown. He is married with 4 children and lives in Portadown.

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D. GOUGH BARRACKS, ARMAGH

Gough Barracks was originally an Army camp until approximately 10 years ago when it was vacated and taken over by the RUC. Its main function now is as the Holding Centre for the Southern Region where terrorist suspects are taken for questioning. The Holding Centre has 24 cells. There are a large number of ancillary Divisional functions of the RUC based at Gough including specialist branches such as the Criminal Intelligence Unit, Tasking and Coordinating Group, Technical Support Unit, Photography Branch and the Regional Crime Squad. Continuation Training is also undertaken at Gough and over 200 policemen sleep there.

There are no Army Regiments based in Gough Barracks but the Grenadier Guards and 2 UDR are located in the nearby Drumadd Barracks.

The RUC Divisional Headquarters is located at Newry Road, Armagh approximately half a mile from Gough Barracks.

A small detachment from RUC Newry in South Armagh (see attached note) will also be present.

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NEWRY RUC STATION

Newry Sub-Divisional RUC Headquarters has been the subject of a concerted campaign by terrorists with numerous attacks on the station with gunfire, bombs and mortars. It is an old building which is inadequate for the requirements of a modern police force, particularly one in the front line of a terrorist onslaught. The Police Authority have plans for a new Sub-Divisional Headquarters on the site of the former Ardmore Hotel on the outskirts of Newry and to replace the existing station with a mortar protected station. Measures to improve the security of the station have already been taken and the Army Engineers are currently constructing a mortar protected roof.

The most serious attack was on 28 February 1985 when nine police officers were killed when a mortar exploded in a crowded canteen. Since then the terrorists have attempted to destroy the station when an 1800 lb bomb was defused by the ATO (July 1985) and in subsequent mortar attacks in August 1985 and recently on 27 November 1986 when the mortars missed the station, their intended target, and seriously damaged a number of houses and business premises. A total of 35 civilians were injured including a 4 year old child who had a piece of shrapnel embedded in her skull. She is now recovering and has been released from hospital. In July this year 3 police officers from Newry Station were shot dead as they sat in their patrol car in the centre of Newry. Last week the police stopped a van outside Newry containing 1300 lbs of home-made explosives thought to have been intended for the police station.

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PERSONALITY NOTES: GOUGH BARRACKS

1. CHIEF SUPT BRIAN LALLY

Mr Lally is aged 49 and joined the RUC in 1955. He has served in various posts including 5 years in Community Relations Branch at Springfield Road, West Belfast and 2 years in Londonderry. He has served in Armagh since 1980 and was appointed Divisional Commander (H Division) in April 1986. He is single.

2. SUPT NIAL HOWE

Mr Howe is aged 40 and joined the RUC in 1965. He was Commandant at the RUC Training Centre for 3 years up to April 1985 when he was transferred to Newry as Sub Divisional Commander. He is married with 2 children (1 boy and 1 girl).

3. COMMANDING OFFICER 1 GRENADIER GUARDS : LT COL E J  
WEBB-CARTER

Lt Col Webb-Carter (Evelyn) who is 40 assumed command of 1 GREN GDS in April 1985. He was commissioned into the GREN GDS in 1966 after passing out from Sandhurst. Since then he has seen service in West Germany, the Middle East, the Far East and Northern Ireland where he served as a Company Commander in Londonderry (1979) and Crossmaglen (1983). He has also held the appointment of ADC to GOC Berlin and Assistant MA to VCGS. Lt Col Webb-Carter is married and has a son and two daughters.

4. COMMANDING OFFICER 2 UDR : LT COL D STRUDLEY MBE MBIM

Lt Col Strudley (David) who is 39 was commissioned into the 9/12 Lancers in 1967. Since then he has served in the UK, West Germany and on one tour in Northern Ireland in 1974. He took command of the Battalion in April of this year. He is married with one child.

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E. GIRDWOOD PARK : UNITS

3 ROYAL ANGLIAN (CO LT COL A BEHAGG MBE)

The Battalion, whose permanent station is Minden, West Germany, is currently on its fifth roulement tour in Northern Ireland. It arrived in Belfast at the beginning of November and is due to leave in March 1987. It last served in Northern Ireland on a two-year tour in Belfast in 1978/9. It has been the first Battalion to support the RUC over the whole of North and West Belfast, which was previously shared between two battalions. This change has happened smoothly and without incident.

7/10 UDR (CO LT COL R J D REID (RE))

The Battalion was formed in October 1984 on the amalgamation of 7 and 10 UDR. It is the largest Battalion in the British Army and has a current strength of 1,260 officers and men; 460 are Permanent Cadre and the remainder are Part Time members. The Battalion comprises 1 HQ Coy, 3 Permanent Cadre Coys and 4 Part Time Coys, which are based at 4 main locations in Belfast - Malone, Girdwood Park, Palace Barracks and Ladas Drive. At Girdwood Park are based B Coy (Permanent Cadre) and G Coy (Part Time).

The Battalion's Tactical Area of Responsibility (TAOR) covers Greater Belfast, but excludes those areas of North and West Belfast for which the Regular Army (3 Royal Anglian) is responsible. In addition to its operations in Belfast, 7/10 UDR currently has one permanent cadre platoon at Newtownhamilton in South Armagh at any one time. Part-time companies of 7/10 UDR also do regular week-end duties on the Border.

Since 7 and 10 UDR were first formed, 17 soldiers have been killed as a result of terrorist action, of whom 15 were murdered while off duty.

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321 EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL (EOD) COY RAOC : GIRDWOOD PARK  
DETACHMENT (OC CAPTAIN M WHITAKER RAOC (MARK))

The Detachment comprising 20 officers and men is tasked with providing EOD cover for the Belfast area. Since 1 July the Detachment has been tasked to 139 incidents of which 86 were either hoax calls or false alarms. In the other incidents 24 devices were neutralised, 17 involved explosive finds and the remainder involved follow-up action after explosive or incendiary devices had been detonated.

Recent significant incidents to which the Detachment have been tasked have included an INLA grenade attack on RUC Queen Street Belfast on 29 October and a PIRA proxy bomb attack on RUC Lisburn Road Belfast in the early hours of 16 December.

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PERSONALITY NOTES: GIRDWOOD PARK, BELFAST

1. COMMANDER 39 BRIGADE: BRIGADIER I FREER OBE,

Brigadier Ian Freer was commissioned into the Staffordshire Regiment in 1961. Apart from 2 years spent as an adventure training Instructor in North Wales, he served continuously with the 1st Battalion until 1972. He was a Rifle and Support Platoon Commander in UK, Kenya and Belize and was later Signals Officer, than Adjutant in UK, Berlin and the Gulf. In 1972 he went to the Ministry of Defence as Staff Captain to the Quarter-Master-General prior to attending the Staff College at Camberley in 1973-74. He was MA to the COS HQ BAOR 1975-77 and afterwards returned to his battalion as a Company Commander in 7 Field Force based at Colchester. He stayed on in the battalion as Second-in-Command and in 1979 served the first 6 months of the battalion's resident tour in Londonderry. In 1980 he went as a DS to Staff College before taking command of 1 STAFFORDS in Gibraltar in early 1982. Whilst in command the battalion carried out a roulement tour in South Armagh. Before taking up his present appointment he served as a Divisional Colonel in Camberley. Brigadier Freer is married and has three children.

2. LIEUTENANT COLONEL A BEHAGG (ALAN) MBE psc (Aus)  
COMMANDING OFFICER 3 ROYAL ANGLIAN

Age 38. He was commissioned into 3 ROYAL ANGLIAN in 1968 and subsequently did a degree in Oxford in 1972 where he was awarded a 1st Class Honours. He served as Adjutant from 1977-1978. After attending the Australian Staff College he was posted to the Military Operations branch of the Ministry of Defence where he was involved in staffing BMATT Zimbabwe, the Sinai MFO and the Falklands conflict. For the latter he was awarded the MBE in 1983. Before assuming command in July 1986 he was a company commander and Second-in-Command of 2 ROYAL ANGLIAN. He is married and has 2 children.

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3. LIEUTENANT COLONEL R J D REID RE COMMANDING OFFICER 7/10  
UDR

Lt Col Reid (Knobby) was commissioned into the Royal Engineers in 1966. He has served in the UK, West Germany, the Falkland Islands, Saudi Arabia and on two previous tours in Northern Ireland in 1973 and 1977. He took up his present command in September 1985. Lt Col Reid is married and has 2 children.

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F. RUC CASTLEREAGH

RUC Castlereagh has two distinct functions:-

- (i) It is the Headquarters of the Belfast Region, which comprises four police divisions. The Regional Commander is an Assistant Chief Constable. Uniformed police, CID and Special Branch operations throughout the Region are co-ordinated here. The visit will focus on the Belfast Regional Control, and on the Tasking and Coordination Group where covert and surveillance duties are coordinated.
  
- (ii) It is one of the Province's three Holding Centres where terrorist suspects from the east of the Province arrested under the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1984 and the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1978 are detained and questioned.

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PERSONALITY NOTES: RUC CASTLEREAGH

1. MR STANLEY STEENSON OBE (ASSISTANT CHIEF CONSTABLE)

Mr Steenson is aged 53 and joined the RUC in 1951. He has served in posts throughout the Province and was promoted to ACC in 1982. He is the Assistant Chief Constable with responsibility for the Belfast region. Mr Steenson also attended the Police College at Bramshill. He is a married man with 4 children (2 boys and 2 girls).

2. CHIEF SUPT HERBIE HUTCHINSON MBE

Mr Hutchinson is Deputy to ACC Steenson and has served in various posts throughout the Province including some 11 years at Tennent Street in North Belfast. He joined the RUC in 1948.

3. DETECTIVE CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT RAYMOND WHITE

Mr White has been in charge of Special Branch, Belfast Region for the past 2 years. He joined the RUC in 1965 and has served in Special Branch for the last 11 years.

4. CHIEF SUPT SEYMOUR DOBSON MBE

Mr Dobson is aged 52 and joined the RUC in 1953. He has served at various locations throughout the Province and was appointed to his present post of Divisional Commander (E Division) in March 1985. He spent 1 year at the Police College in Bramshill.

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G. RAF ALDERGROVE

RAF AND AAC UNITS

72 Squadron RAF

The Squadron, which has had a permanent presence in the Province since 1972, is the main element of the Support Helicopter Force. It is tasked with providing air support to the Security Forces in Northern Ireland. It is equipped with 20 Wessex helicopters of which one is kept permanently in South Armagh where the Roulement Battalion exercises operational control. All other Wessex tasks are co-ordinated through the Air Support Operations Centre at HQNI. There is also one RAF Puma in the Province, and Chinooks are deployed from RAF Odiham as required. Especially in the border areas, the use of helicopters is essential for both Army and RUC.

Army Air Corps Regiment NI (CO Lt Col P D D McQueen AAC)

The Regiment's role is to provide helicopter and fixed wing support for the Security Forces in the Province. The Regiment comprises a Regimental HQ, 65 and 665 Squadrons at Aldergrove and 655 Squadron at Ballykelly. It has a strength of 17 Officers and 278 Other Ranks and is equipped with 15 Gazelle helicopters, 10 Lynx helicopters and 4 Beaver light aircraft in the reconnaissance role.

The Northern Ireland Reconnaissance Intelligence Centre  
(CO Squadron Ldr A Scott)

The Centre provides support for the Security Forces in the Province and annually handles about 5,000 tasks.

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1. SENIOR ROYAL AIR FORCE OFFICER, NORTHERN IRELAND (SRAFONI)  
GROUP CAPTAIN HENRY HALL, RAF

Group Captain Henry Hall joined the RAF in April 1961. His service includes a tour at RAF Changi in Singapore and a spell with 014 Tactical Airlift Wing of the United States Air Force on a RAF/USA exchange scheme. As a Squadron Leader he served for a time with the Procurement Executive where he was involved in the specification and purchase of flight simulators for the three services. After promotion to Wing Commander in 1979 he served as the Officer Commanding 242 OCU at RAF Lyneham, and as Wing Commander Air Transport Policy and Training.

2. COMMANDING OFFICER 72 SQUADRON : RAF WING COMMANDER K R  
WINTER

Wing Commander Winter (Keith) joined the RAF in 1958 and gained his wings in 1961. Since then he has served in the UK and West Germany. His present appointment which he took up in May 1985 is his first tour in Northern Ireland.

3. COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE ARMY AIR CORPS REGIMENT NORTHERN  
IRELAND : LIEUTENANT COLONEL PETER McQUEEN

Lt Col Peter McQueen was commissioned into the Army in 1967. He served as a platoon commander in BAOR and UKLF between 1969 and 1973 before being appointed as a flight commander in 1974. In 1979 he attended the Australian Staff College after which he served on the staff in the Ministry of Defence for 2 years. Between February 1982 and May 1984 he served as an anti-tank squadron commander with the Army Air Corps in BAOR and was then appointed to serve on the staff of SACEUR at SHAPE. He took up his present appointment in February 1986.

4. COMMANDING OFFICER NORTHERN IRELAND RECONNAISSANCE  
INTELLIGENCE CENTRE : SQUADRON LEADER A SCOTT

Squadron Leader Scott, who is a photographic interpretation specialist, assumed his present appointment in June 1985. He has previously served in the UK and West Germany.

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ANNEX III

SECRETARY OF STATE'S CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The list of acceptances for the lunch will have to be provided at the last minute. Attached are brief notes on the guests who are being invited. Those marked with an asterisk are members of the minority community.

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Lieutenant General Sir Robert Pascoe KCB MBE

Aged 54. Joined the Army as a National Serviceman in 1950. Commissioned in 1952 into the Regular Army. Mentioned-in-Despatches on two separate occasions, one in Borneo and the other in Northern Ireland. Assumed his present appointment as General Officer Commanding Northern Ireland in May 1985. Married: 4 children.

Sir John Hermon OBE

Aged 58. Chief Constable of the RUC. Joined the RUC in 1950 and progressed through the ranks to his present position. OBE 1975; knighted in the 1982 New Year Honours. Lady Hermon died in November 1986. Two children.

Sir Myles Humphreys

Aged 61. Outgoing Chairman of the Police Authority for Northern Ireland (end 1986) and Chairman of Northern Ireland Railways. Former Chairman of Northern Ireland Tourist Board, past President of the Belfast Junior Chamber of Commerce, member of the Northern Ireland Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Has held a number of posts in public bodies. Member of Belfast City Council 1964-81, Lord Mayor 1975-77. Widowed with two sons.

Dr Roelof Schierbeek OBE

Aged 65. Chairman of the Northern Ireland Electricity Service since February 1986. A native of Holland; had a distinguished business career with the Dutch Enkalon Company and was Managing Director of their British Enkalon Plant in Antrim from its opening in 1961 until its closure in 1982. During that time, he was a member of the Northern Ireland Economic Council, and of the boards of the Northern Ireland Airports Authority and Harland and Wolff PLC.

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Mr Norman Ferguson

Aged 60. Chairman, Northern Ireland Housing Executive since 1984 (member 1978-84). Former Official Unionist member of Banbridge District Council, and runs the family linen business in Banbridge town.

Mrs Mary Clark-Glass

Mid-40s. Chairman of the Equal Opportunities Commission since 1984. Lawyer and broadcaster: former member of the National Consumer Council and of the EEC Economic and Social Committee. Married, two children. (Her husband is Chairman of the Alliance Party.)

Mr Robert Cooper

Aged 50. Chairman of the Fair Employment Agency. A member of the former Northern Ireland Executive with responsibility for the Department of Manpower Services. Founder member of the Alliance Party, he was its full-time Secretary and deputy leader. Secretary of the Engineering Employers (NI) Association 1967-1972. Married.

Mr Eric McDowell CBE

Aged 61. Chairman, Industrial Development Board for Northern Ireland since 1985. Former partner in Deloitte, Haskins and Sells. Director of Spence Boyson (textiles), trustee of the TSB(NI) and a member of the Board of Governors of the Royal Belfast Academical Institution.

Sir John Swinson

Aged 64. Chairman NI Tourist Board since 1980 (member since 1970). Commercial Director of Trust House Forte (Ireland): many years' experience in the hotel and catering industry.

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Mr James (Seamus) O'Hara \*

Chairman of Standing Advisory Commission on Human Rights since July 1984. Solicitor: partner in a well established family law practice in Belfast. Member of Mr Whitelaw's Advisory Commission 1972-1973; Vice Chairman of the NI Housing Executive 1971-1975, Chairman 1976-1978. Roman Catholic.

Mr Charles Brett CBE

Aged 56. Chairman of the newly-established International Fund. Northern Ireland Housing Executive 1971-1985 (Vice Chairman 1977-1979; Chairman 1979-1984). Solicitor. Former member of the NI Labour party. Married with 3 children.

Professor Sean Fulton \*

Mid-40s. Chairman, Public Service Training Council for Northern Ireland since 1983. Educated at Queens University, Belfast (QUB) and Keele University, and had a distinguished academic career before becoming Head of the Education Department at QUB. Served on the Chilver Committee on further education. Roman Catholic. Married with a family.

Mr James Grew \*

Chairman of Probation Board for Northern Ireland since 1982. Member of Northern Ireland Transport Holding Co: Chairman of Abbicoil Springs Ltd (Portadown).

Dr John Simpson

Chairman of Eastern Health and Social Services Board (since 1984); Senior Lecturer in Economics at Queens University. Ex-Colonial service. Member of the Irish Economic Council and of the Irish Association. Chairman of the NI Council of the European Movement since 1981.

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Lord Lowry

Aged 67. Lord Chief Justice (since 1971). Educated at Royal Belfast Academical Institute and Cambridge. Served with the Royal Irish Fusiliers in the war. Called to the NI Bar in 1947. Appointed QC (NI) in 1956. High Court Judge 1964-71. Life Peer 1979. Married with 3 daughters.

Archbishop Robin Eames

Aged 49. Church of Ireland: Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland (since 1986). Deacon 1964: curate assistant to the Bishop of Down, before becoming rector in East Belfast in 1966. Bishop of Derry and Raphoe, 1975 (at 38 years old the youngest ever Church of Ireland Bishop). Bishop of Down and Dromore 1980. Married with two sons.

Rev Sydney Frame

Late 50s. President of the Methodist Church in Ireland 1986-87. Minister at the Methodist Church in Donegall Square, Belfast since 1982 (previously in Bangor). For a number of years he was Assistant Secretary to the Methodist Conference. Married with two children.

Cardinal Tomas O Fiaich \*

Aged 63. Roman Catholic Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland since 1977. Lecturer at Maynooth Seminary outside Dublin, 1953; President 1974. Elevated to the College of Cardinals in 1979. A close friend of Pope John Paul II.

Dr Gordon Beveridge

Aged 53. Vice-Chancellor Queens University Belfast since 1986. Educated at Glasgow and Edinburgh universities. Subsequent academic career in Scotland and US (Minnesota, Texas) before appointment as professor of Chemical Engineering at Strathclyde in 1971. Married with three children.

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Mr Derek Birley

Aged 60. Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ulster. Formerly Rector of the Ulster Polytechnic, and Chairman of a body set up to review opportunities for 16-year-olds (the Birley Report). Earlier taught in Wakefield and served as education officer in Leeds, Dorset, Lancashire and Liverpool.

Sir Desmond Lorimer

Aged 61. Chairman of Northern Bank, and Chairman of Lamont Holdings (a grouping of some 10 subsidiary companies covering property, life assurance, textiles and engineering). Former President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland. Member of the Macrory Commission on Local Government in 1970. Chairman of the Northern Ireland Housing Executive 1971-75, Knighted in 1976. Chairman of the Industrial Development Board for Northern Ireland 1982-85.

Mr John Parker

Aged 44. Chairman and Chief Executive, Harland and Wolff since February 1983. A Belfast man who proceeded through Harland and Wolff to Austin and Pickersgill before becoming Deputy Chief Executive of British Shipbuilders in 1980. Married with a son and daughter.

Sir Philip Foreman CBE

Aged 63. Chairman and MD Short Brothers (since 1983). Joined Shorts in 1958: Managing Director 1967. Member of NI Economic Council and NI Council of the CBI. CBE 1972: Knighted in 1981.

Mr Denis Desmond

Mid-40s. Chairman, Desmond and Sons (Londonderry). Has been Chairman of the family linen business for over 20 years during a period when the company has expanded from one factory and 300 employees to nine factories and over 2000 employees. Married with one daughter.

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Mr Sean Curran \*

Aged 42. Managing Director, Standard Telephones and Cables (Northern Ireland), Monkstown. Joined STC in 1965. Roman Catholic.

Mr Harold Hamilton

President, Ulster Farmers' Union 1986/87. Farms at Kesh, Co Fermanagh, primarily livestock. Regional Director of the NFU Mutual Insurance Society Ltd and Vice Chairman of the Management Committee of Kesh Primary School. Married with four children.

Mr F A (Al) Mackle \*

Aged 58. Chairman of the Northern Ireland Committee of ICTU (Irish Congress of Trade Unions) 1986/87. Northern Ireland Secretary of the Irish National Teachers' Organisation (an all-Ireland trade union). Formerly Board member of the Health and Safety Agency. Member of the Senate of Queens University and on the Board of the Labour Relations Agency.

Dr James Kincade

Aged 61. National Governor BBC NI (since 1985) and Principal Methodist College Belfast (since 1974). Chairman of Committee of Ulster Savings 1976; Member of the UDR Council 1977; Member of the Northern Ireland Council for Educational Development (NICED) 1980; Member of Senate of Queens University 1982. Married with children.

Mrs Jill McIvor

Northern Ireland member of the IBA since 1979 (her term of office ends at the end of this month). A graduate of QUB, where she worked in the law library for some years. Member of the Fair Employment Agency and of the Ulster Countryside Committee; serves on the Co-operation North Advisory Council. Married to Basil McIvor, Minister of Education in the 1974 Executive.

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Mr Dennis Faulkner CBE

Chairman, Gallahers NI since 1982. Former Chairman of the now defunct Northern Ireland Development Agency. Brother of the late Lord (Brian) Faulkner, Prime Minister of Northern Ireland. Has extensive farming and commercial fishing interests.

Mr D McMullan

Aged 53. **Governor of Maze Prison.** Joined the Northern Ireland Prison Service in August 1961: promoted to Assistant Governor in 1979. Governor of the Young Offenders Centre at Hydebank Wood before transferring to Maze Cellular on 1 May 1984. From 3 March 1986 Mr McMullan assumed responsibilities for HM Prison, Maze Compound, which is now an integrated management unit with HM Prison, Maze Cellular, under the designation HM Prison, Maze.

Mr Ken Bloomfield

Aged 55. Head of the Northern Ireland Civil Service and Second Permanent Secretary, NIO, since 1984. Joined the NICS in 1952; Deputy Secretary to the NI Cabinet 1969-72; Secretary to the power-sharing NI Executive, 1974; Permanent Secretary to the Department of the Environment (NI), 1975-81, and then to the Department of Economic Development, 1981-84. Married: 2 children.

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### HILLSBOROUGH CASTLE: LUNCH GUESTS

Lt Gen Sir Robert Pascoe  
GOC

Sir John Hermon  
Chief Constable, RUC

Sir Myles Humphreys  
Chairman, Police Authority

Dr R Schierbeek  
Chairman, NI Electricity Service

Mr N G D Ferguson  
Chairman, NI Housing Executive

Mrs Mary Clark Glass  
Chairman, Equal Opportunities Commission

Mr R G Cooper  
Chairman, Fair Employment Agency

Mr Eric McDowell  
Chairman, Industrial Development Board

Sir John Swinson  
Chairman, NI Tourist Board

Mr James O'Hara  
Chairman, Standing Advisory Commission on Human Rights

Mr Charles Brett  
Chairman, International Fund

Professor Fulton  
Chairman, Public Service Training Council

Mr James Grew  
Chairman, Probation Board

Mr J V Simpson  
Chairman, Eastern Health and Social Services Board

The Rev Sydney Frame  
President of the Methodist Church

Dr Gordon Beveridge  
Vice-Chancellor, Queen's University

Mr D S Birley  
Vice-Chancellor, University of Ulster

Sir Desmond Lorimer  
Chairman, Northern Bank

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Sir Philip Foreman  
Chairman, Short Brothers

Mr D Desmond  
Chairman, Desmond and Sons

Mr S Curran  
Managing Director, Standard Telephones and Cables (NI)

Mr Harold Hamilton  
President, Ulster Farmers' Union

Dr James Kincade  
Governor, BBC (for NI)

Mrs Jill McIvor  
NI Member, IBA

Mr F A Mackle  
Chairman NIC/ICTU

Mr Denis Faulkner  
Chairman of Gallaher (NI)

Mr Thomas Rainey  
Chairman, CBI

Mr D McMullan  
Governor, Maze Prison

Mr R D Rolston  
Chairman, NI Transport Holding Company

Mr R Hamilton  
Chairman, Local Enterprise Development Unit

Mr D Moreland  
Chairman, Central Services Agency

Mr Nicholas Scott, MP

Sir Robert Andrew

Mr K Bloomfield

Mr W Innes

Mr D Gilliland

Mr D Watkins

**E. R.** ADDITIONAL GUESTS

Mr Thomas Rainey

Aged 51. Chairman of the CBI (Northern Ireland) since 1985: Chairman designate of the Police Authority, from 1987. Joined Carreras Rothmans as an engineer in 1975 from British Enkalon, and rose to director and operations manager of the Carrickfergus cigarette factory, now being closed down. NE Education and Library Board 1981: Governor of the former Ulster Polytechnic: CBI Council 1982.

Mr D McMullan

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Mr R D (Bob) Rolston CBE

Chairman of NI Transport Holding Company since 1970. Member of NI Economic Council and of the Police Authority for Northern Ireland. Married with two grown up daughters.

Mr Rowan Hamilton

Aged 65. Chairman, Local Enterprise Development Unit (LEDU). Chief Executive of the Ulster Bank 1972-82; Deputy Chairman 1982-83. Chairman of the National House Building Council NI Committee and a former member of the NI Fire Authority. Married with children.

Mr Dawson Moreland

Chairman of the Central Services Agency since 1982. Director of the Ormeau Bakery and Managing Director of Isaac Andrews, Flour Millers. Former Chairman of the Northern Ireland Council for Nurses and Midwives and ex-President of Royal Belfast Golf Club.

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From the Private Secretary

16 December 1986

Dear Robert,

Att of Robert  
Ops 28/6073

OPERATION CONGEAL

Thank you for your letter of 12 December enclosing a draft programme for this visit. I have discussed it with the person concerned who is content with the individual engagements but would like (a) to make an earlier start and (b) invert the order. The revised version might look like this:

0815 arrive RAF Aldergrove  
0845 arrive Gough Barracks, Armagh  
0930 depart Armagh  
0945 arrive Middletown  
1010 depart Middletown  
1030 arrive RUC Castlereagh  
1130 depart RUC Castlereagh  
1145 arrive Girdwood Park  
1230 depart Girdwood Park  
1245 arrive Hillsborough  
1300 for 1315 Lunch  
1500 TV interviews at Hillsborough  
1545 depart Hillsborough  
1605 arrive RAF Aldergrove  
1625 depart RAF Aldergrove

A further possible variation would be to invert the order of the visits to Gough Barracks and Middletown i.e. go straight from RAF Aldergrove to Middletown.

The guest list enclosed with your letter is accepted.

We are told that ACC Blair Wallace is away on duty for two weeks. Could we please have another name for Superintendent Waller to contact.

Yours sincerely,  
Charles Powell

(Charles Powell)

Sir Robert Andrew, K.C.B.

TOP SECRET

PRIME MINISTER

*It gets dark quickly  
and that is the hardest day.*

*I would rather start earlier*

NORTHERN IRELAND

*and complete the visit before  
a late lunch or miss lunch and have  
an early tea to talk to  
people*

I attach some proposals for the programme for your visit to Northern Ireland. They have been drawn up by the Permanent Secretary and the Chief Constable. On security grounds, they are described as a programme for the Defence Secretary.

The structure of the programme is:

- a morning in and around Belfast. You would visit the main RUC Headquarters and meet some of the undercover people; and the army bomb disposal teams.
- lunch at Hillsborough with about 40 community leaders and churchmen. There would be no political representatives. The Unionists would not come and it's probably better not to stir things up by having the SDLP without the Unionists.
- afternoon visiting the RUC and army in South Armagh. This is the front-line and the plan is to take you to the recently mortared RUC station at Middletown, which is right on the border. You would also meet some policemen from Newry, where the RUC has suffered its heaviest losses. (We can't actually take you there, because helicopters can't get in.).

I have a number of observations:

- on a one-day visit when the days are so short, it simply is not practicable to get you right over to Londonderry. But South Armagh is actually where the RUC are most under pressure at the moment and the best place to visit.

- it is difficult on security grounds to arrange a walk-about in present circumstances. It might be possible to do so in Middletown, which is quite small and a mixed community. It would have to be left to the judgement of the police at the time. You would probably have to slip on your bullet-proof raincoat.

- we are not providing for a press conference, but plan to arrange (at the very last minute) for television teams to follow you round. You might say a few words to them in the course of your tour, or give brief interviews to TV and radio at Aldergrove before your departure.

Are you generally content with the proposed programme and the guest list for lunch?

C.D.P.

(C.D. POWELL)

12 December 1986



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NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE  
WHITEHALL  
LONDON SW1A 2AZ

*Permanent Under-Secretary of State  
Sir Robert Andrew KCB*

N L Wicks Esq  
No 10 Downing Street

12 December 1986

*Dear Nigel,*

OPERATION CONGEAL

I attach the following material:

- A. draft programme
- B. suggested guest list for lunch
- C. outline of short speech.

I will elaborate on the material orally when I call on you this afternoon.

The officer with whom Superintendent Waller should liaise is ACC Blair Wallace, who is aware of the proposed visit but not at this stage of the detailed programme.

*Yours ever,*

*Robert*

Encls

DRAFT PROGRAMME FOR VISIT BY DEFENCE SECRETARY

Approx Times

1000 Arrive RAF Aldergrove; met by SofS for NI, PUS, Chief Constable, GOC.  
Transfer to helicopter. Fly to Castlereagh.

1020 Arrive RUC Castlereagh. Met by Senior ACC. RUC/Army intelligence briefing and visit to Tasking and Co-ordination Group (TCG)

1115 Depart Castlereagh. Fly to Girdwood Park

1130 Arrive Girdwood Park. Met by Commander 39 Brigade Tour of Army Units (including 1 R Anglian, EOD teams and 7/10 UDR)

1215 Depart Girdwood Park. Fly to Hillsborough.

1230 Arrive Hillsborough. Lunch (separate programme)

1415 Depart Hillsborough. Fly to Armagh.

1435 Arrive Gough Barracks (RUC) Armagh. Met by Div Commander J Division and Sub-Division Commander Newry Sub Division  
Meet police, including a contingent from RUC Edward Street, Newry.

1515 Depart Armagh. Fly to Middletown.

1530 Arrive Middletown. Inspect recent mortar damage and meet police and soldiers.

1555 Depart Middletown. Fly to RAF Aldergrove.

1615 Arrive RAF Aldergrove. Met by SRAFONI. Meet RAF and AAC helicopter aircrews.

1635 Depart RAF Aldergrove.

OPERATION CONGEAL

Attendance at Secretary of State's lunch

(\* denotes member of minority community)

1. Secretary of State
- 2-4 Visitor plus 2
- 5 Mr David Watkins  
PS/Sofs
- 6 Sir Robert Andrew  
PUS, Northern Ireland Office
- 7 Mr Ken Bloomfield  
Head of Northern Ireland Civil Service
- 8 Lt Gen Sir Robert Pascoe  
GOC
- 9 Sir John Hermon  
Chief Constable, RUC
- 10 Sir Myles Humphreys  
Chairman, Police Authority
- 11 Mr Thomas Rainey  
Chairman, CBI (and Chairman-designate, Police Authority)
- 12 Mr R Schierbeek  
Chairman, NI Electricity Service
- 13 Mr N G D Ferguson  
Chairman, NI Housing Executive
- 14 Mrs Mary Clark Glass  
Chairman, Equal Opportunities Commission
- 15 Mr R G Cooper  
Chairman, Fair Employment Agency
- 16 Mr Eric McDowell  
Chairman, Industrial Development Board
- 17 Sir John Swinson  
Chairman, NI Tourist Board

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- 18 \*Mr Damien Breen  
Chairman, Police Complaints Board
- 19 \*Mr James O'Hara  
Chairman, Standing Advisory Commission on Human Rights
- 20 Mr Charles Brett  
Chairman, International Fund
- 21 \*Professor Fulton  
Chairman, Public Service Training Council
- 22 \*Mr James Grew  
Chairman, Probation Board
- 23 Mr J V Simpson  
Chairman, Eastern Health & Social Services Board
- 24 The Rt Hon the Lord Lowry  
Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland
- 25 Sir Barry Shaw  
Director of Public Prosecutions
- 26 The Rt Rev Dr Robin Eames  
Archbishop of Armagh (Church of Ireland)
- 27 The Rev Sydney Frame  
President of the Methodist Church
- 28 The Rt Rev Dr John Thompson  
Moderator of the Presbyterian Church
- 29 \*Cardinal Tomas O'Fiaich  
Archbishop of Armagh
- 30 Dr Gordon Beveridge  
Vice-Chancellor, Queen's University
- 31 Mr D S Birley  
Vice-Chancellor, University of Ulster
- 32 Sir Desmond Lorimer  
Chairman, Northern Bank
- 33 Mr John Parker  
Chairman, Harland and Wolff
- 34 Sir Philip Foreman  
Chairman, Short Brothers

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- 35 Mr D Desmond  
Chairman, Desmond and Sons
- 36 \*Mr S Curran  
Managing Director, Standard Telephones and Cables (MI)
- 37 Mr Harold Hamilton  
President, Ulster Farmers' Union
- 38 Dr James Kincade  
Governor, BBC (for NI)
- 39 Mrs Jill McIvor  
NI Member, IBA
- 40 \*Mr F A Mackle  
Chairman NIC/ICTU
- 41 Mr Denis Faulkner  
Chairman of Gallaher (NI), brother of late Lord (Brian) Faulkner,  
also Colonel Commandant UDR
- 42 Mr D McMullan,  
Governor, Maze Prison

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RESERVES

- 43 Dr George Quigley  
Permanent Secretary, Department of Finance and Personnel
- 44 Mr R D Rolston  
Chairman, NI Transport Holding Company
- 45 Mr R Hamilton  
Chairman, Local Enterprise Development Unit
- 46 Mr D Moreland  
Chairman, Central Services Agency
- 47 Professor Alan Astin  
Chairman, Arts Council
- 48 Mr John Spence  
Chairman, NI Training Authority
- 49 Mr R Gibson  
Chairman, NI Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- 50 Mr Paddy Brand  
Joint-Chairman, Co-operation North
- 51 Mr J S Rainey  
Chairman, Trustee Savings Bank
- 52 Mr G Mackie  
Managing Director, James Mackie & Sons
- 53 Mr J K Lynn  
Chairman, Milk Marketing Board
- 54 Brig M R N Bray  
Commander UDR
- 55 \*Mr P J L Manson  
Chairman, Southern Health & Social Services Board
- 56 Mr William Beggs  
Chief Fire Officer
- 57 Mr Dennis McClure  
President, Federation of Building and Civil Engineering Contractors
- 58 Mr W A Campbell  
Chairman, Bar Council
- 59 Mr Thomas Burgess  
President, The Law Society

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**10 DOWNING STREET**

LONDON SW1A 2AA

*From the Private Secretary*

**2 December 1986**

**OPERATION CONGEAL**

The Prime Minister has considered the Northern Ireland Secretary's minute of 2 December proposing that she pay a pre-Christmas visit to the security forces in Northern Ireland. She has some doubts whether the RUC would find a visit totally welcome (I have tried to set these at rest), but has agreed to make a single-day visit on the lines proposed by Mr. King. The only date which she can manage is that which I have identified to Robert Andrew. She has commented that the programme proposed is generally on the right lines. She attaches particular importance to visiting the RUC in a border area, as on other occasions. If it is really necessary to make a speech she will do so but will welcome an early draft so that there is plenty of time to consider it.

As the Northern Ireland Secretary says it is absolutely vital that news of this visit should be restricted to the smallest possible number of people. The only people in this office who are aware of it and the date are myself, Nigel Wicks and one member of the Garden Rooms.

(Charles Powell)

Neil Ward, Esq.,  
Northern Ireland Office.

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Prime Minister

Nigel & I have discussed dates with Sir Robert Andrew. The only practicable one is

PRIME MINISTER

OPERATION CONGEAL

1. Apart from the signature of the Anglo-Irish Agreement in November 1985, it is now nearly three years since you visited Northern Ireland. I believe that a pre-Christmas visit to the security forces would be much appreciated.

December. 23

We think you ought to do this if possible.

Agree

to a visit 23

December?

(The date wd. be top

secret known only

to Nigel & me, &

a handful in NIO).

CDF 2/11.

2. During the past two years a Prime Ministerial visit to the Province has been considered on several occasions but the moment has not seemed opportune. In the Summer of 1985 tentative plans were made for a two-day programme which would have included visits to schools and factories as well as to the police and Army; but this had to be dropped because of the difficult political situation which both preceded and followed the signing of the Agreement. I hope that it will be possible to reinstate this visit next year but there is a risk at present that a programme which brought you into contact with large numbers of people could be turned into a hostile demonstration.

3. For now therefore I think the best plan would be a single-day visit, shortly before Christmas, which would be devoted primarily to the RUC and the Army. I would also suggest a lunch at Hillsborough to which I would invite a number of non-political personalities prominent in the community, including church leaders, businessmen and members of the Area Health and Education Boards. (Although Hillsborough has its associations with the Agreement, from the security point of view it is the best location and I think a sensible choice.) This would provide an opportunity for a speech at the lunch which could be distributed to the media afterwards, and we could also consider the possibility of a press conference or media interviews either at Hillsborough or Aldergrove before departure.

Yes - but I doubt whether would find a nice totally welcome

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4. If you would be willing to pay a visit on these lines we will make plans accordingly, subject to the usual tight security precautions. I understand that possible dates are being discussed with your office.

N Ward  
(Private Secretary)  
fvt k

2 December 1986

(Approved by the Secretary of State  
and signed in his absence in  
Northern Ireland)

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To those on distribution list with same numbering for enclosures.

27 November 1986

VISITS TO NORTHERN IRELAND BY THE PRIME MINISTER

In view of the time that has elapsed, the codeword circulated by Mr Brooker under cover of his letter of 20 January 1984 is out of date. Accordingly, I attach, for your personal information, ... copy number of a memorandum containing a new codeword and explaining its use. I should be grateful if you would destroy ... Mr Brooker's letter of 20 January and sign and return the enclosed receipt to me.

2. The Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) also circulated under cover of Mr Brooker's letter of 20 January 1984 remains in force.

*Ian Hassall*

I D HASSALL  
Establishment Division (L)

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VISITS TO NORTHERN IRELAND BY THE PRIME MINISTER -  
INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE OF CODEWORD

1. It has been agreed with No 10 Downing Street that any visit by the Prime Minister to Northern Ireland should be the subject of an operational codeword. This will make it easier to inform officers who need to know of the visit beforehand, and will facilitate communication about the visit in writing or by telephone.
2. The codeword to be used is CONGEAL. It should normally be used in the form "OPERATION CONGEAL". The formal meaning of the codeword is "Visit of the Prime Minister to Northern Ireland". The codeword itself is classified CONFIDENTIAL; its meaning is classified SECRET.
3. Knowledge of the codeword and its meaning is to be controlled on the strictest possible "need to know" basis. This memorandum is accordingly issued on the authority of the PUS of NIO for the personal information of the addressee. It should not be shown, nor should the codeword or its meaning be revealed orally or in any other document, to any other officer without prior consultation with me.
4. The codeword is changed after each visit. It may also need to be changed if it is compromised by incorrect use, unauthorised communication of its meaning, or through a security breach. Any known or suspected compromise of the codeword should be reported immediately by telephone in guarded terms, and then in writing to me (telephone: 01 210 6518).

Ian Hassan

Establishment Division  
27 November 1986

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1. Principal Private Secretary, 10 Downing Street
2. PS/Secretary of State, London
3. PS/Secretary of State, Belfast
4. PUS, NIO(L)
5. PUS, NIO(B)
6. DUS, NIO(L)
7. DUS, NIO(B)
8. Under Secretary, (Political Affairs) NIO(B)
9. Principal Establishments and Finance Officer (PEFO), NIO(L)
10. Chief Constable, RUC HQ
11. GOC, HQNI
12. Press Secretary, 10 Downing Street
13. Head of Movement Operations (RAF), MOD Main Building
14. Second Permanent Secretary NIO and Head of NICS
15. Director, NI Information Services, NIO(B)
16. Head of the Prime Minister's Protection Team
17. Station Commander, RAF Northolt
18. Station Commander, RAF Aldergrove
19. File: ADM 18/47/04

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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

22 November 1985

Dear Miss Gracey

Thank you very much for the excellent arrangements made for the Anglo/Irish meeting at Hillsborough Castle last Friday. It was a great triumph to have laid on such a well-organised meeting at short notice. I am very grateful to you and your helpers.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely  
Raymond Barber

Miss Mabel Gracey

SM



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

22 November 1985

Dear Miss McKinlay,

I am very grateful to you for your contribution towards the arrangements for the Hillsborough Summit. This must have involved a great deal of work, but it was well rewarded by the very successful outcome. Thank you very much for all you did.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher

Miss Hazel McKinlay

BM

BM



CNO

10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

22 November 1985

Dear Mr. Cullen,

Thank you so much for arranging our excellent lunch at Hillsborough Castle last Friday. It was very good of you to lay this on at short notice and the occasion was much enjoyed by all those present. I am most grateful to you and your staff.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher

Michael Cullen, Esq.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

22 November 1985

Dear Mr. Coulson,

I understand that you played a major part in making the arrangements for the Summit meeting in Hillsborough last Friday. I am most grateful to you for all your hard work under difficult conditions, which helped ensure a successful meeting. Thank you very much.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher

Paul Coulson, Esq.

BM



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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

20 November, 1985

Dear Group Captain Hall,

Thank you very much for the arrangements which you and your colleagues so kindly made for me at R.A.F. Aldergrove during my visit on 15 November. I was most grateful for your kind care and attention and for ensuring that our transfer went so smoothly. I should be grateful if my warm thanks could be passed on to all those who helped.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher

Group Captain H. W. Hall, R.A.F.

RM.



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

20 November 1985

Dear Squadron Leader Jewell

I was most grateful for the comfortable flight to Northern Ireland on 15 November. I know that some unusual precautions had to be taken, but they certainly did not disturb my journey and I send you and all your colleagues my warm thanks.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher

Squadron Leader P. M. Jewell, R.A.F.

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NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE  
WHITEHALL  
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C Powell Esq  
Private Secretary  
10 Downing Street  
London SW1

19 November 1985

Dear Mr Powell,

You spoke to Jim Daniell yesterday about those people involved in the arrangements for the Summit in Hillsborough last Friday who may receive a note of thanks for their efforts.

Those who played a major part in the organisation are:-

Paul Coulson	Assistant Secretary	Establishment Division (London)
Hazel McKinlay (Miss)	Principal	Personnel, Accounts and General Admini- stration Branch (Belfast)
Michael Cullen	Catering Manager	Responsible for catering services in Hillsborough Castle
Mabel Gracey (Miss)	Administration Officer	Responsible for general administration of domestic services in Hillsborough Castle.

Jim also asked me to mention that apparently the Conference Department of the FCO are compiling a list of names (including NIO personnel) to receive tokens of appreciation. The four names given above have also been notified to the FCO.

Yours Sincerely

AMANDA JOHNSTON



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

19 November 1985

My dear General.

I write to thank you, and through you all the members of the Armed Forces in Northern Ireland, for the help given with my visit on 15 November to sign the Anglo-Irish Agreement. The arrangements were as always excellent and I know that a great deal of activity is involved behind the scenes. I am most grateful and would ask you to pass on my thanks to all concerned.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher

Lieutenant General Sir Robert Pascoe, K.C.B., M.B.E.

BW

*Subject  
cc Master*



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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

Personal Minute

No. M14/85

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

I should like through you to thank all those concerned with the planning and preparation of my visit to Northern Ireland on Friday 15 November for the signing of the Anglo Irish Agreement. I know what a very great deal of work went into this, particularly with uncertainty about the precise place of the meeting right up until the last moment. It was characteristic of all those concerned - Northern Ireland Office, Northern Ireland Civil Service, Police, security forces and the staff of Hillsborough Castle - to have put in such a determined effort and to have achieved a programme which went without a hitch. I should be grateful if you could pass on my very warm thanks to each and every one of them.

*Margaret Thatcher*

19 November, 1985

*RW*



*em*

10 DOWNING STREET

CHARLES

Anglo-Irish Summit: Friday 15 Nov

The FCO Conference Officer has sent me the attached list of people she recommends should be thanked by letter and/or photograph for the PM's visit to Hillsborough Castle last Friday.

*Yes,* Could you please approve (or otherwise!) the photograph list.

Also, the PM might wish to thank the NI Sec of State for hospitality at Hillsborough Castle,

Debbie G.

18 November 1985



**Foreign and Commonwealth Office**

London SW1A 2AH

Telephone 01- 273 3585

Mrs D Green  
10 Downing Street  
LONDON SW1

Your reference

Our reference

Date 18 November 1985

*Dear Jessie*

1. We spoke. Here is the list of personnel who assisted greatly in the arrangements for the Prime Minister's visit to Northern Ireland for the Anglo/Irish Summit. I suggest that letters be sent to the following:

Lieutenant General Sir Robert Pascoe KCB MBE  
General Officer Commanding  
Headquarters Northern Ireland  
British Forces Post Office 825

Group Captain H W Hall RAF  
Commanding Officer  
RAF Aldergrove  
British Forces Post Office

Sir John Hermon OBE  
Chief Constable  
Royal Ulster Constabulary  
Headquarters RUC  
Belfast 5 6LD

2. A letter and photograph to:

Mr J A Innes  
Under-Secretary  
Northern Ireland Office

*(No letter)*

3. Photographs only to:

Mr P Coulson  
Assistant Secretary  
Northern Ireland Office

*(+ PM letter)*



Miss Hazel McKinlay  
Principal  
Northern Ireland Office

(+ PM letter)

Mr Gilliland  
Head of Information Services  
Northern Ireland Office

Mr R E Templeton  
Deputy Head of Information Services  
Northern Ireland Office

Miss Mabel Gracey  
Office Manager  
Hillsborough Castle

(+ PM letter)

Mr Michael Cullen  
Catering Manager  
Hillsborough Castle and Stormont

(+ PM letter)

Mr David Anderson  
Catering Manager  
Hillsborough Castle

Mr Albert Harper  
Butler  
Hillsborough Castle

*Your letter  
has*

A L Morrison (Mrs)  
Protocol Department

+ RAF : 'Thank you' to Sgt. Ldr. P.M. Jewell  
(pilot)  
+ photos.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

18 November 1985

Dear Sir John.

I should like to thank you most warmly for the excellent security arrangements made for my visit to Northern Ireland on Friday. I should be grateful if my appreciation could be made known to all the members of the RUC involved, and also my continuing admiration for their steadfastness and courage in the performance of their duties.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher

Sir John Hermon, O.B.E.

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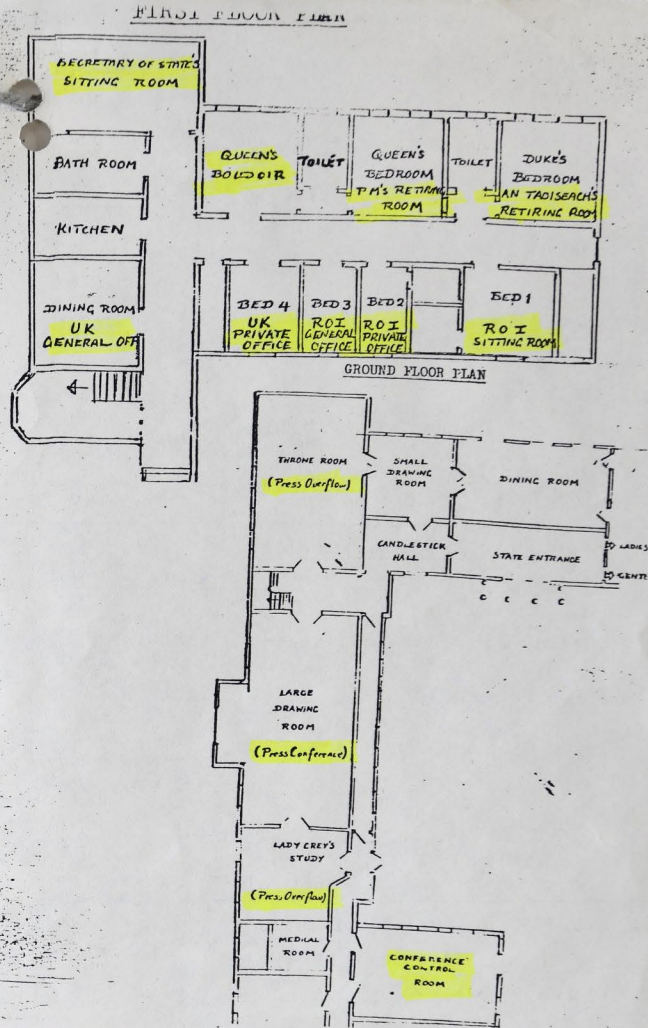
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TELEPHONE NUMBERS

HILLSBOROUGH CASTLE

15 NOVEMBER 1985

- 1110 Arrival State Entrance
- 1130 Heads of Government Tete a Tete  
(Queen's Boudoir)
- Delegations will be served coffee  
(Candlestick Hall and Private  
Offices)
- 1200 1220 Plenary Meeting  
(Small Drawing Room)
- 1250 approx. Pre-lunch drinks  
(Candlestick Hall)
- 1300 Luncheon  
(Dining Room)
- 1400 Signing Ceremony  
and  
1430 Press Conference  
(Large Drawing Room)
- Departure State Entrance
- 1520 The Prime Minister  
1530 An Taoiseach



UNITED KINGDOM TEAM

Prime Minister ..... Lisburn 72137 *Am room.*  
\* K204  
\* K203  
Sitting Room ..... Lisburn 2652  
\* K228  
Private Office ..... Lisburn 70554  
\* K213  
Clerical Support ..... Lisburn 82475  
" \* 2637 (FAX)  
K228  
British Telex ..... Lisburn 747557

OPS ROOM

Hillsborough 683900  
Lisburn 70504  
" 70540 (FAX)  
Telex 747618

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND TEAM

An Taoiseach ..... Lisburn 2683  
\* K202  
Sitting Room ..... Lisburn 82470  
\* K210  
Irish Private Office ..... Lisburn 82456  
\* K211  
Irish Clerical Support ..... Lisburn 70562  
" (FAX) 82432  
(Telex) 747508  
\* K212

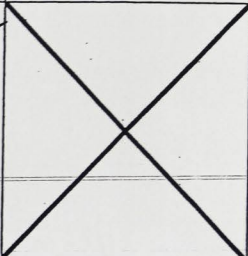
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*Dave Baker \* 200 (Banks)*

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10 DOWNING STREET

*From the Private Secretary*

14 November 1985

ANGLO-IRISH SUMMIT

Thank you for your letter of 14 November. The Prime Minister would like the following to attend the lunch on our side: the Foreign Secretary, the Northern Ireland Secretary, Mr. Scott, Sir Robert Armstrong, Mr. Andrew, Mr. Goodall, HM Ambassador, Dublin, Private Secretary.

(Charles Powell)

L.V. Appleyard, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

14 November 1985

Dear Charles,

Anglo-Irish Summit

The Irish have told us that the main party of their delegation will consist of the Taoiseach, Mr Spring (the Tanaiste), Mr Barry (Minister of Foreign Affairs), Mr Nally (Secretary to the Cabinet), Mr Donlon (Secretary to the DFA), Mr Ward (Secretary to the Department of Justice), Mr Dorr (Irish Ambassador in London), Mr Quigley (Adviser to the Attorney General) and Mr Lillis (Head of Anglo-Irish Division, DFA). They have suggested that all the above except Mr Ward and Mr Quigley should take part in the luncheon.

In addition there is a back-up party which consists of Mr Sean Barratt (Minister of State and Fine Gael Chief Whip), Mr Prendergast (Government Spokesman), an unnamed Assistant Press Secretary, Mr Sharkey, Mr O'Ceallaigh, Mr O'Donovan (all of the Anglo-Irish Division of the DFA), Mr Morgan (Private Secretary to the Taoiseach), Mr Nally's Private Secretary, three typists and a policeman.

We should be grateful for guidance as to who the Prime Minister would like to attend the luncheon on the UK side.

Yours ever,

Lee Appleyard

(L V Appleyard)  
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq  
10 Downing Street

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10 DOWNING STREET

*From the Private Secretary*

14 November 1985

**ANGLO-IRISH SUMMIT: TRAVEL**

Thank you for your letter of  
14 November. I agree that option (iii)  
should be used in a worst case.

C D POWELL

Len Appleyard, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

14 November 1985

Dear Charles,

Anglo-Irish Summit : Travel

You will know that the VC10 fitted with infra-red counter-measures has been reserved to take the Prime Minister and her party to Aldergrove tomorrow. You may not, however, be aware that whenever the Prime Minister leaves the UK by RAF aircraft there is a back-up aircraft (VC10 at Brize Norton; Andover at Northolt) in case the primary one develops a defect during pre-flight checks. Currently the only other VC10 fitted with this special equipment is undergoing major engineering work. We have been asked by the MOD to put the following contingency options to you in the very unlikely event that the primary VC10 becomes unusable:

- (i) The Prime Minister to travel in an ordinary VC10 with no jammers, arriving at Aldergrove. There would therefore be no protection.
- (ii) To travel in an Andover to another Irish airfield, ie where the Irish would not expect us to land, and to move on by helicopter.
- (iii) To fly by Andover to West Freugh, Scotland, (1 hour 15 minutes) and from there by 2 Wessex twin-engined helicopters seating 10 passengers each, direct to Hillsborough (35 minutes). These helicopters are fitted with jammers. A third helicopter would fly as a back-up reserve and for search and rescue.

The strong recommendation of the RAF is for option (iii). I should be grateful for confirmation that you approve of option (iii).

The timings by VC10 to Aldergrove and on by helicopter to Hillsborough will be 1 hour 35 minutes; the time by Andover to West Freugh and on by helicopter to Hillsborough totals 1 hour 50 minutes.

Finally, if the weather is bad and the primary VC10 becomes unusable, the RAF recommend flying by Andover direct to Aldergrove using special flying procedures to avoid missiles.

Yours ever,  
Le Appleyard

(L V Appleyard)  
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq  
10 Downing Street



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MR WICKS

MR INGHAM

## ANGLO-IRISH AGREEMENT: SUMMIT ARRANGEMENTS

You may find it helpful to have a note of the programme for tomorrow. It is as follows:

0845 Depart No 10 (rear door)  
0930 UK team departs Heathrow by RAF VC10  
1030 UK team arrives RAF Aldergrove  
1035 Delegation departs by RAF helicopter for Hillsborough  
1055 Delegation arrives Hillsborough helipad, transfers  
to cars  
1100 Delegation arrives Hillsborough front door  
1130 Summit meeting begins with tete-a-tete between  
the Prime Minister and the Taoiseach  
1200 Plenary session  
1300 Lunch  
1400 Signing ceremony  
1430 Press Conference  
1515 Delegation departs by car for Hillsborough helipad  
1520 Delegation travels by RAF helicopter to RAF Aldergrove  
1540 Delegation arrives RAF Aldergrove and transfers  
to RAF VC10  
1645 UK team arrives Heathrow

C.D.P.

C D POWELL

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10 DOWNING STREET

*From the Private Secretary*

14 November 1985

**ANGLO-IRISH AGREEMENT:  
SUMMIT ARRANGEMENTS**

Thank you for your letter of 13 November about the arrangements for the Anglo-Irish Summit. The Prime Minister has approved the arrangements and has selected Menu A for the lunch. Our Duty Clerks will be in touch with Protocol and Conference Department to finalise one or two details.

C D POWELL

Len Appleyard, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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10 DOWNING STREET

*From the Private Secretary*

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

ANGLO-IRISH SUMMIT

Thank you for your minute of 13 November. I have consulted the Prime Minister on the possible inclusion of Mr Mallaby. The Prime Minister has minuted that "we really can't take more people".

The Prime Minister has agreed the programme in Mr Appleyard's letter of 13 November to me. She envisages beginning with tete-a-tete at 1130 with Mr Nally, you and me present, followed by a plenary and lunch.

C D POWELL

14 November 1985

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~~Mr. Ingham~~  
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PRIME MINISTERNORTHERN IRELAND - MEDIA

You may find it useful to know about the arrangements which have been made for handling the media on the appointed day. CDD  
14/11

First, it is clear that, thanks to leaks at the Irish end, a lot of journalists are already in or are now going to Belfast or Dublin.

At 7am on the appointed day No 10 and Northern Ireland Office Press Offices will begin to work through a list of home numbers of British, US, Irish and European correspondents in London, telling them to get to Aldergrove no later than 1.30pm. NIO will then take them by shuttle bus to the signing/press conference venue.

B/Airways and British Midland run a shuttle service every hour from Heathrow. We shall alert the tour companies after 7am on the appointed day to a possible surge of traffic.

The Dublin Government is laying on an aircraft to transport media from Dublin.

For those who stay in London, COI is arranging to relay the proceedings live into a press room at the NIO and into the Lobby Room at the House. COI are also feeding the event live to the FCO; BIS, New York and onwards to Washington; to the Irish Embassy in London and to the Irish Consulate in New York.

The transcript of the press conference will be telegraphed very soon after the event by FCO to posts abroad.

I am operating on the basis of an early agreement that neither Prime Minister would give radio and television

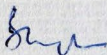
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interviews after the press conference, which should stand on its own.

My information now is that Dr Fitzgerald is to brief his political correspondents after the press conference and to give a television interview later in the day.

The Northern Ireland Secretary is ready to do UK/Irish radio and television later in the day if it is judged the need arises. The Foreign Secretary will stand by for overseas and World Service.



BERNARD INGHAM  
14 November 1985

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PRIME MINISTER

ANGLO-IRISH AGREEMENT: SUMMIT ARRANGEMENTS

Points for decision on the attached letter are:

- |                                                                                                           | <u>YES</u>                          | <u>NO</u>                |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| A. Agree to start the Summit at 1130 so you can have a tete-à-tete with the Taoiseach?<br>He is very keen | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| B. Agree that <u>RTA and I</u> should be present?<br>Or<br>Only me to take a note?                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| C. Agree remainder of programme?                                                                          | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| D. Please tick one of the three menus attached to the letter.                                             | A                                   |                          |

RTA may propose to you tomorrow that Mr. Mallaby be added to the delegation. I have been very fierce with all other applicants and have resisted this one too.

C.D.P.

We really can't take  
more people. It is  
not fair on security.  
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(C. D. POWELL)

13 November 1985

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH



13 November 1985

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Dear Charles,

Anglo-Irish Agreement: Summit Arrangements

I promised you an interim report on the arrangements which are in hand for signature of the Anglo-Irish Agreement. I should be grateful for your confirmation that the arrangements detailed below are acceptable to the Prime Minister.

An FCO Conference Officer, Mrs Morrison, is in Belfast making the detailed arrangements in conjunction with NIO officials. She has sent us a detailed programme some of the details of which will require amendment as a result of developments during the course of the day. I shall be in touch with you about these tomorrow. In the meantime the draft outline programme for the British team is as follows:

- 0930 UK team departs Heathrow by RAF VC10
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- 1430 Press conference
- 1515 Delegation departs by car for Hillsborough helipad
- 1520 Delegation travels by RAF helicopter to RAF Aldergrove
- 1540 Delegation arrives RAF Aldergrove and transfers to RAF VC10
- 1645 UK team arrives Heathrow.

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We are working on the assumption that the persons mentioned in your minute to Sir R Armstrong of 13 November will accompany the Prime Minister's party. In addition I suggest you will need to take a member of the FCO Nationality and Treaty Department, Miss Shepherd, who will have charge of the Treaty texts to be signed, and who will be responsible for the signature arrangements at the ceremony itself.

I understand that HM Ambassador in Dublin will be travelling with the Irish party to Aldergrove. It will arrive at Hillsborough, by helicopter and car, at 1110, i.e. some 10 minutes after the Prime Minister's party has arrived. The Irish delegation will depart some five minutes before the Prime Minister's party.

Mrs Morrison has devised three alternative luncheon menus, which I attach. I should be grateful for an early indication of which the Prime Minister prefers.

*Yours ever,*

*Len Appleyard*

(L V Appleyard)  
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq  
10 Downing Street

LUNCH MENU (A)

Melon Delmonaco

Salmon Steaks Hollandaise  
Noisette Potatoes  
Rendez-vous of fresh winter vegetables

✓  
Cheeseboard

Coffee

Biscuits

Fruit

LUNCH MENU (B)

FRANK Cocktail

Beef Olives  
Fondant Potatoes  
Sautéed Vegetables

Cheeseboard

Coffee

Biscuits

Fruit

LUNCH MENU (C)

Smoked Salmon

Veal Escalopes  
Jaggar Sauce  
Parsley Potatoes  
Sautéed Brussel Sprouts

Cheeseboard

Coffee

Biscuits

Fruit





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MR POWELL

Anglo-Irish Summit

Thank you for your minute of 13 November.

2. I entirely understand that the Prime Minister wishes the delegation to this meeting to be very tightly restricted in numbers. If it were permissible to suggest one addition, I should propose the name of Mr Mallaby: if we needed an extra pair of hands in the case of last minute amendments to the communiqué, it would be useful to have him around because of his familiarity with the subject. And of course he would like, as a key member of the negotiating team, to be there when the Agreement is signed. But I cannot say that his presence is absolutely essential for operational reasons.

3. So far as I know, though the general shape of the day is clear, there has not been a final decision on starting time or on the morning's proceedings.

4. I know that the Prime Minister will not want to have a long discussion, and I hope that there is no need for it. But I think that the Taoiseach will be looking for a tête à tête with her (with only Mr Nally, you and me), as well as a "plenary" meeting with all Ministers present. Perhaps the most important subject for discussion will be the handling of the press conference; and I think that it will be as well for the Prime Minister to discuss that with the Taoiseach tête à tête without the Taoiseach's Ministerial colleagues (and therefore without her own).

5. My impression is that the Taoiseach is expecting to begin the meeting at 10 am. You are more inclined to suggest 12 noon. I suggest that the meeting might begin with the tête à tête at 11 am (or conceivably 11.30 am), to be followed by a plenary



meeting of Ministers and senior officials. That meeting would break for lunch at, say, 12.45 for 1.00 pm. The formal signing ceremony would then take place at 2.00 pm. Copies of the documents would be handed out at that time, the press would be given half an hour to read them, the press conference would take place at 2.30 pm for half an hour, and the Prime Minister should be away from the location by shortly after 3.00 pm. The Taoiseach may, I understand stay on for one or two press briefings.

6. I have just heard from Mr Nally that the Irish party will include, as well as the Tanaiste, and the Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Chief Whip. The Chief Whip will not be a member of the Irish delegation, and will not attend the Ministerial meetings or lunch. He will be there primarily to help the Taoiseach's press secretary to handle the press.

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ROBERT ARMSTRONG

13 November 1985

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10 DOWNING STREET

13 November, 1985

*From the Private Secretary*

**ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SUMMIT**

Thank you for your letter of 13 November attaching an Action Plan for the next few days.

Just to pick up a few small points:

- i. I hope to get the Prime Minister to sign a letter to Peter Utley explaining why she could not brief him and had invited your Minister to do so. I would propose to give this to Mr. King tomorrow to make such use of as he thinks necessary.
- ii. I have minuted separately about the need to brief The Speaker tomorrow.
- iii. because the whole of the early part of Monday, 18 November up until 1445 hrs will be occupied with the Anglo/French Summit, she will have to work on the statement and supplementaries over the weekend, principally on the Sunday afternoon. I suggest however that Mr. King might come to her office in the House at 1500 hrs on 18 November to go over any last minute points.

I am copying this letter to Len Appleyard (Foreign and Commonwealth Office) and Michael Stark (Cabinet Office).

(C.D. Powell)

MS.

N. Ward, Esq.,  
Northern Ireland Office.

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FROM: THE PRIVATE SECRETARY

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NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE  
WHITEHALL  
LONDON SW1A 2AZ

Charles Powell Esq  
10 Downing Street  
London SW1

13<sup>th</sup> November 1985

*Dear Charles,*

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SUMMIT

... I attach an "Action Plan" which our Secretary of State has had prepared showing the Prime Minister's movements and engagements and those of the Secretary of State and Mr Scott over the days of the Anglo-Irish Summit. You may find it helpful to have this, both as a note of what others will be doing around the time of the Summit, and to check that our understanding of what the Prime Minister will be doing agrees with yours. I would be grateful if you, and Len Appleyard, to whom I am copying this letter, would let me know if there are any omissions or inaccuracies.

You will note from the "Action Plan" that the Secretary of State is down to brief Mr Utley immediately before the Summit. As you know it had been suggested to the Prime Minister that she might do this (Sir Robert Armstrong's minute of 6 November mentions it). But the Prime Minister felt that time would not permit. Unless we hear to the contrary, the Secretary of State will look after this.

You will note that we are hoping that the Foreign Secretary will be able to assist in the presentation of the Agreement by taking care of some of the briefing of the overseas media (including bids from organisations such as BBC World Service and COI; by ensuring that overseas posts, MEPs and Council of Europe are appropriately briefed; and by attending with the Secretary of State a joint meeting of the Northern Ireland and Foreign Affairs backbench committees after the Prime Minister's statement on 18 November.

I am copying this letter to Len Appleyard and Michael Stark.

*Yours Sincerely*

*Neil Ward.*

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SUMMIT MINUS ONE - THURSDAY



occurring in Northern Ireland

PRIME MINISTER	SECRETARY OF STATE	MR. SCOTT	OTHERS
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Brief Mr. Kinnock and Mr. Archer</li><li>2. Brief Mr. Steel and Dr. Owen</li><li>3. Brief Mr. Molyneaux (NB. Mr. Molyneaux may refuse) all on Privy Councillor Terms</li><li>4. Brief Mr. Pym, Mr. Merlyn Rees, Mr. Mason, Sir Humphrey Atkins, Mr. Prior, Mr. Concannon, all on Privy Councillor Terms</li><li>5. Brief Whips in Whips' Office</li><li>6. Travel to NI</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Ring Mr. Heath</li></ol>	

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SUMMIT - FRIDAY

PRIME MINISTER	SECRETARY OF STATE	MR. SCOTT	OTHERS
<p>1. Travel to NI</p> <p><del>2. Press Conference with Taoiseach</del></p> <p>3. Travel to London</p>	<p><del>1. Telephone brief Sir John Biggs-Davison (offer meeting with NI backbench C'tee)</del></p> <p>2. Telephone brief Daily Telegraph (Peter Utley)</p> <p>Telephone briefs:</p> <p><del>3. Sir David English (Daily Mail)</del></p> <p><del>4. Sir Larry Lamb (Express)</del></p> <p><del>5. Joe Haines (Daily Mirror)</del></p> <p><del>6. Trevor Kavanagh (Sun)</del></p> <p>7. SUMMIT</p> <p><del>8. Attend press conference</del></p> <p><del>9. Offer immediate brief to Paisley, Hume and Cushmanan (if available)</del></p> <p>10. Respond to requests for media engagements (Mr. Gilliland to provide list).</p>	<p>1. Telephone leader writers of;</p> <p>i) Guardian (Geoffrey Taylor)</p> <p>ii) Financial Times (Malcolm Rutherford)</p> <p>iii) Times (Owen Hickey)</p> <p><del>2. Travel to Summit and return</del></p> <p>3. Brief officers of Conservative NI backbench Committee (immediately after signature)</p> <p>4. Telephone Lady Elles and Sir Frederick Bennett</p>	<p><del>1. PUS to brief NI Permanent Secretaries</del></p> <p>2. FCO to brief Posts, MEPs, Council of Europe Assembly members.</p> <p>3. Foreign Secretary to take bids from overseas media.</p> <p>4. Written briefing (covering letter, agreement, communique, Press Notice, Q&amp;A brief) to selected British MPs</p> <p><del>5. Letter offering personal follow up and briefing pack to:</del></p> <p>Bishop Sheppard Archbishop Worlock</p> <p><del>6. Written briefing (same as 3) to all NI MPs except Adams.</del></p> <p><del>7. Letter to Speaker of Assembly offering a meeting with Chairmen of Committees and party leaders</del></p> <p><del>8. Letter to Assembly members (excluding Sinn Fein) covering agreement, Press Notice and Communique</del></p> <p><del>9. Letter and briefing pack to NI Lords Lieutenant</del></p> <p>10. Letter and briefing pack to influential people plus information paper.</p>

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SUMMIT PLUS ONE - SATURDAY

PRIME MINISTER	SECRETARY OF STATE	MR. SCOTT	OTHERS
	Belfast/London office meeting <del>1. Press Conference</del> <del>2. Interviews on US breakfast time shows</del> <del>3. TV broadcast directed at NI (if circumstances demand)</del> <del>4. Other appropriate media engagements</del>	1. Brief Sunday Newspapers	

SUMMIT PLUS TWO - SUNDAY

PRIME MINISTER	SECRETARY OF STATE	MR. SCOTT	OTHERS
1. Interview on Weekend World	<del>1. Interviews as appropriate, e.g. World this Weekend (Mr. Gilliland to supply list)</del> <del>2. Attend UDR study week-end</del>		

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SUMMIT PLUS THREE - MONDAY

PRIME MINISTER	SECRETARY OF STATE	MR. SCOTT	OTHERS
Statement	1. Brief PM for Statement. 2. Meet officers of backbench C'tee. 3. Attend PM's Statement. 4. Attend joint meeting of NI and Foreign Affairs Backbench Committees (with Foreign Secretary)	1. Brief offered to Mr. MacLennan and Mr. Ross (if available)  2. Brief: Lord Blease, Lord Moyol, Lord O'Neill, Lord Fitt, Lord Gowrie, Lady Elles, Lady Ewart-Biggs, Lord Hylton, Lord Mansfield, Lord Donaldson, Lord Melchett, Lord Windlesham  3. to US (evening)	1. Debate in Irish Dail  2. Foreign Secretary to attend joint meeting of NI and Foreign Affairs backbench Committees.  3. Foreign Secretary to take bids from overseas media

SUMMIT PLUS FOUR ONWARDS - TUESDAY ONWARDS

PRIME MINISTER	SECRETARY OF STATE	MR. SCOTT	OTHERS
	No definite plans have been envisaged for this period.  Will no doubt wish to see a wide range of people. (e.g. TU leaders, CBI Chairmen, important employers, heads of public bodies) as well as continuing to brief the media and politicians, particularly at Westminster.	Travel to US	Statement by Lord Whitelaw in Lords (Tuesday)  Irish notification of acceptance

Week beginning 26 November: parliamentary debate on Agreement. (Commons and Lords)

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10 DOWNING STREET

*From the Private Secretary*

Mr. Stark

**ANGLO-IRISH RELATIONS: NORTHERN IRELAND**

1. Thank you for your minute of 12 November in which you conveyed Sir Robert Armstrong's recommendation that the Speaker should be briefed on the Anglo-Irish Summit on Thursday afternoon.

2. I agree that this would be a good idea. The Prime Minister would, I think, be inclined to prefer the Northern Ireland Secretary to do the briefing. You might like to investigate the possibility with him.

CDP

13 November, 1985.

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10 DOWNING STREET

*From the Private Secretary*

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

ANGLO-IRISH SUMMIT

The Prime Minister wishes the delegation to this meeting to be very tightly restricted in numbers, in the interests of security. I understand that the Northern Ireland Secretary and Mr. Andrew will already be in Northern Ireland. The Prime Minister has agreed the following list to travel from London:

Foreign Secretary  
Sir Robert Armstrong  
Mr. Goodall  
Mr. Wicks  
Mr. Powell  
Mr. Ingham

In addition there will be the necessary security officers and a No. 10 Garden Room girl and duty clerk.

The Prime Minister envisages that the meeting with the Irish side would be attended by the two Secretaries of State, you, Mr. Andrew, and Mr. Goodall. I will take a note.

I am copying this minute to the Private Secretaries to the Northern Ireland Secretary and the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary.

C.D. POWELL

13 November 1985

JB



*Prime Minister*

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MR POWELL

*Yes mt*

*Agree?*

*COP*

*12/11*

Anglo-Irish Relations: Northern Ireland

In paragraph 6 of his minute of 6 November Sir Robert Armstrong proposed arrangements for briefing the leaders of national political parties on the eve of the Summit. Your minute of 8 November recorded the Prime Minister's agreement to do this on 14 November.

2. Sir Robert has one further thought on this: namely that the Speaker should also be briefed that afternoon. We should need his assistance and goodwill if there were any attempt to challenge constitutional aspects of the Agreement. The briefing need not however be by the Prime Minister herself; the Chief Whip might be asked to undertake it, suitably briefed and/or accompanied by a senior official.

3. I should be grateful to know if the Prime Minister would be content for this to be put in hand.

*Yes mt*

M C STARK

12 November 1985



In paragraph 4 of the minutes of a meeting of the Joint Liaison Group, held on 12 November 1982, the following arrangements for visiting the factories and plants of the various political parties on the one of the island, were agreed. The first of these was that the Irish Minister's agreement to do this was to be made.

1. The report has the further thought on this matter that the speaker should also be invited that agreement. It is noted that the resistance and goodwill if there was any element to challenge constitutional aspects of the proposals. The intention was not however to be by the Irish Minister himself; the Chief Whip might be asked to undertake it, subject to the usual arrangements for a senior official.

2. It should be possible to know if the Irish Minister would be content for this to be his task.

*[Handwritten signatures and initials]*

PRIME MINISTERANGLO-IRISH SUMMIT

For security and other reasons we need to keep the delegation as small as possible. The Northern Ireland Secretary will already be in Belfast. To travel from the United Kingdom we shall be:

Prime Minister ✓  
Foreign Secretary ✓  
Sir Robert Armstrong ✓  
Mr. Goodall ✓  
Mr. Wicks ✓  
Mr. Powell ✓  
Mr. Ingham ✓  
Duty Clerk ✓  
Garden Room Girl. ✓

Northern Ireland Office will provide any necessary support staff at the two sites.

This has meant leaving out some people who would like to come for various reasons (such as the Foreign Secretary's Private Secretary and Press Spokesmen). But they would not actually have a function: and I think it is only fair to those responsible for security to be rigorous in reducing targets to an absolute minimum. ✓

CDP

ms

CHARLES POWELL  
12 November 1985

10.18.

SA - Mr. Ingham

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Meeting at 1200.  
Lunch at 1300  
Signing at 1400  
Press Conference 1430-1500

1. MR POWELL
2. PRIME MINISTER

NORTHERN IRELAND

I had a meeting today with Peter Prendergast, Dr Fitzgerald's Press Secretary, at his request, to consider the presentation of any Anglo/Irish agreement.

CDP  
12/11

Both of us were considerably alarmed on security, operational and presentational grounds, to hear that the prospecting signing of any agreement would be 11.30am.

Our reasons are as follows:

- there will be a considerable adverse reaction if we do not give the media in London and Dublin an opportunity to get to the signing/press conference, even though we are planning to relay it live down the line to several places in London and Dublin (not to mention Washington and New York); it would not be possible for the media to travel across the water or from Dublin in time for an 11.30 event even if we alerted them at 7am on the day
- for security reasons we cannot possibly contemplate alerting them 24 hours in advance or even overnight.

Our concern was reinforced by the decision that there was to be no gap between signing and press conference. We agree absolutely that the media should have no opportunity to break the news between signing and press conference. But we believe it is essential that the writers (as distinct from photographers) should have an opportunity to read the communique and other documentation before the press conference.

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Thus, what we regard as the minimum necessary in the interests of reasonable presentation - and a reasonably calm press conference - is a 30-minute gap between signing and press conference - provided that the media cannot go to a telephone immediately on receipt of the documents. NIO assure me that this proviso can be met.

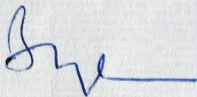
However, I subsequently learned that the proposed venue had been changed, and this will cause even greater dismay because all our plans had been predicated on a ceremony and a press conference within easy reach of media having to travel.

So, what I believe is ideally required in the interests of security, a reasonably smooth operation and presentation are the following:

- a venue close to trans-Irish Sea air services
- a signing ceremony at 2pm, immediately after lunch, followed by a 30-minute press conference at 2.30.

We could just cope with a signing ceremony at 12.30 followed by a press conference at 1pm, followed by a late lunch. But this would only be realistic if the venue was close to an air terminal.

I cannot stress too strongly the importance of giving the media an opportunity to get to the scene (shuttles run from Heathrow on the hour) if we are to avoid media anger and criticism, however unreasonable, of hole in the corner operations.



BERNARD INGHAM  
11 November 1985

Spoken to 5  
PM. Agreed to  
Hillsboro'  
E.D.P.  
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PRIME MINISTER

ANGLO-IRISH SUMMIT: LOCATION

The Taoiseach has again flatly refused RAF Aldergrove. Sir Robert Armstrong assesses that nothing will move him.

The question is: will you agree to hold it at Hillsborough? You will recall the security assessment was that it was defensible, though it would mean using helicopters to get there from Aldergrove and some risk of demonstrations. The Taoiseach is ready to go there. But Sir Robert says a decision is needed tomorrow to give time to cancel a planned court hearing.

The alternative is Dromoland Castle near Shannon in the Republic. But this has been widely forecast in the Irish press which must put question-marks over security.

If we go to Hillsborough, there are implications for the timing of the Summit on Friday. Bernard's note (attached) recommends strongly that the press must have time to get there. In his judgement this means not signing before 1400 hours; giving the press thirty minutes to read the agreement; and having a press conference from 1430 to 1500 hours. This suggests starting with a meeting at 1200 and lunch at 1245.

So:

- agree to Hillsborough?  
Or dig in and have a battle of wills with the Taoiseach, risking postponement if necessary?
- Agree to later signing and press conference as proposed above?

Sp - at Hillsboro  
Take Press Conference  
at Aldergrove - if need be Spends  
no

11 November 1985

CHARLES POWELL

E.D.P.  
Press  
Conference





5. A decision is now becoming very urgent, for practical reasons. I fear that I have to ask whether the Prime Minister would settle for Hillsborough. I am afraid that I have exhausted the possibilities of persuading the Taoiseach to go to Aldergrove, at any rate at official level.

RS

for

ROBERT ARMSTRONG

conqueror

11 November 1985

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10 DOWNING STREET

8 November, 1985.

From the Private Secretary

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ANGLO-IRISH SUMMIT: PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS

Thank you for your letter of 8 November about the stage reached in making the practical arrangements for the Summit. The matter will no doubt be discussed at our meeting with the Prime Minister tomorrow. My only comments at this stage are:-

- (a) The Prime Minister is firmly opposed to Dromoland Castle. Her disinclination to go there will be strengthened by the fact that it is widely tipped in the Irish Press as the site.
- (b) Bernard Ingham and I would have a strong preference for going straight from a formal session to the signing ceremony, and then to the press conference with lunch afterwards.
- (c) You will want to bear in mind that the Prime Minister will need to brief the Northern Ireland party leaders immediately after the signing. Assuming it takes place in one of the Northern Ireland locations, she will presumably do it there.
- (d) The participation which you envisage would be about right. I shall let you have details of the No.10 party next week.

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*Dear Charles.*Anglo-Irish Summit: Practical Arrangements

I understand that you have been asking for an account of where we have got to in making the physical arrangements for the Summit.

With Robert Armstrong's agreement, David Goodall set in train the preparatory arrangements on 18 October. We assumed for planning purposes that the Summit would occupy up to half a day, with no need for overnight accommodation; and that the main members of the British delegation would be the Prime Minister, the two Secretaries of State, Sir Robert Armstrong, Robert Andrew, David Goodall and HM Ambassador in Dublin, plus at least one Private Secretary, a press officer and some supporting staff (including a notetaker).

Planning proceeded on the basis of three alternative locations in Northern Ireland and one in the Republic. Preliminary inspections of these took place at the beginning of November by Foreign Office conference officers and our security officer once Cabinet had decided to proceed to signature of the Agreement. Although the need to look at a number of sites complicated matters, the fact that they were all roughly equidistant from London and required the use of a VC10 and helicopters meant that many of the arrangements would be the same whichever site was chosen.

You will have seen the JIC immediate assessment issued by the Irish Terrorism CIG on 6 November (JIC(85)(IA)60), which concluded that from a security point of view RAF Aldergrove was easily the best, followed by Dromoland Castle. Hillsborough was third, and Stormont in effect ruled out. The Irish Government's conference experts have been inspecting the sites also. We have put our views very discreetly to the Irish Government, but no final decision has been taken by them. Our conference officer is now working on the assumption that if the Summit takes place at a British site it should be at our first choice and has drawn up the enclosed suggested programme of arrangements. We would be most grateful for comments, particularly on proposed timings and whether or not the signing ceremony and press conference will take place before or after luncheon. To cover the possibility that the choice might fall eventually on Hillsborough, a rather more schematic timetable has been drawn up for it too.

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The aircraft and the helicopters and cars (where needed) have been booked. Typewriters, photocopiers and facsimile transmission facilities are being arranged. The next step is to ensure that all the necessary communications are installed: these include a direct line to No 10; a live feed to take the press conference to various points in Great Britain; microphone facilities for the press conference; and the installation of about 50 telephones and some telex machines for the use of the press, as the Summit is going to be a major media event. A decision will be necessary very soon on which location to install the press equipment, as the scale of installation will require several days work. We have done what we can to limit that by asking British Telecom and the COI to make sure that the necessary equipment is ready together with the labour force necessary for installing it in the shortest time possible.

Provided it is acceptable that the choice between sites can be fined down to two - one in Northern Ireland and one in the Republic - we could leave the final decision on location to the last minute. This would mean that the Irish would complete their installations, and we would do the same, accepting that we should have to make expenditure on installations which might not in the end be used. As you know, the costs of a Prime Ministerial summit are normally met by the MPO. We do not think it justified to make such expenditure at three places, but we shall continue to give the impression that the other sites are still in the running without it, as we believe that the preparations at Aldergrove can be made without many people being aware of them.

I am copying this letter to Michael Stark in the Cabinet Office, and to Jim Daniell in the Northern Ireland Office.

*Yours ever,*  
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ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEETING AT RAF ALDERGROVE

APPROX TIME	EVENT	ACTION(S)
0830	1. TRAVEL TO NORTHERN IRELAND a. UK Team (delegation of 8(?) plus support staff of about 20) to fly from Heathrow by RAF VC10 to RAF Aldergrove [NB in the event of fog check whether VC10 could land at Belfast Harbour]	(i) Cab Off to arrange travel to Heathrow and flight. (ii) NIO to confirm movements
0930	b. On arrival at RAF Aldergrove UK team met by AOC/Station Commander c. PM [?and other members of delegation] to remain in VIP lounge at aircraft arrival area; remainder of party to RAF Officers Mess (OM) by cars.	(i) RAF to arrange 'meeting and greeting' (i) RAF (?) to arrange cars.
0945	d. ROI Team (approx same nos as UK team) arrive RAF Aldergrove, to be met by PM; all to OM by cars.	(i) Conf Organiser to arrange meeting and greeting
	2. MEETING	
0940	a. On arrival at OM UK support staff give familiarisation tour and then settle into accommodation.	(i) RAF/NIO/CAB OFF to furnish equip 3 Priv Offices with: 6 phones [1 secure] 3 typewriters (?) electric 1 MUFAX and 1 general office with 2 phones 1 typewriter 1 copying machine (capable of handling and collating documents of up to 50 pages) 1 telecopier
	b. On arrival at OM Delegation given refreshments; ROI support team given familiarisation tour of accommodation and then settle in;	(i) RAF to arrange refreshments (ii) NIO/RAF to equip 3 Priv Offs with 6 phones 3 typewriters ✓ ? 1 Copying machine
1030	c. Meeting commences: [?nameplates]	(i) NIO/RAF to arrange table etc (ii) NIO/COI(?) to arrange microphones (?) to raise voice levels

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PROX TIME	EVENT	ACTION(S)
?1130	d. Meeting concludes; delegations move to Press Conference room for signing and press conference (see 3(d)).	
	3. PRESS CONFERENCE	
0900	a. Press arrive [by cars] at RAF Aldergrove; directed to car park opposite the Main Gates and then taken from Main Gate to Reception AREA (Air Movements hangar) buses	(i) RAF to provide buses for all press movements within the base
	b. At Reception area press screened by NIO/CIO staff; then security checked by RUC/?RAF security staff; and then taken into adjacent Holding Area; NB: As far as we are aware there will be no OB teams	(i) FCO/NIO/RUC/RAF to agree on screening/security arrangements (ii) NIO/RAF to arrange 50 telephones 5 telex machines [?plus operators] for holding area (iii) RAF to arrange refreshments for press within holding area
1115	c. Press taken by buses to press conference room in OM	(i) see (a)(i) (ii) FCO/RUC/RAF to arrange escort and security within conference room
1130	d. Signing ceremony/conference begins	(i) NIO/RAF to arrange suitable table and equipment [press etc] (ii) NIO/COI to arrange for microphones/speakers to raise voice levels
1200 (1215)	e. Conference ends delegations withdraw - press taken back by buses to Holding Area to file stories etc; as required they can then be taken back to the car park [?or taken by bus to civil airport side]	(i) see (a)(i)
1215/1230	f. ? Photo call arrangements	(i) NIO/COI/FCO(?) to arrange
	4. POST CONFERENCE AND DEPARTURES	
1230	Drinks and then lunch for delegations in 'dining room'	(i) RAF to arrange
	Buffet lunch/sandwiches for support staff	

APPROX TIME	EVENT	ACTION(S)
1400/1415	Lunch ends	
1415	All visiting parties to aircraft departure area by cars; [? support team by bus]	(i) NIO to confirm S of S's travel intentions
1430	ROI team departs [?PM to bid goodbye]	
1440	UK team departs [?AOC/Stn Colr to bid goodbye] by RAF VC10 for Heathrow	
1540	UK team arrives Heathrow	



ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEETING AT HILLSBOROUGH

<u>Approx. Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Action</u>
	1. Travel to Northern Ireland	
08.00	a. UK team to fly from Heathrow by RAF VC 10	(i) Cabinet Office to arrange. (ii) NIO to confirm SofS's travel intentions
09.00	b. On arrival met by Stn Cdr; delegation & security men (8) transfer to RAF helicopter & support staff into cars for travel to H'borough.	N.B. It would be preferable for SofS to travel before and meet PM at Hillsborough. NIO to arrange cars & book helicopter flights.
09.10	c. ROI delegation arrives at RAF Aldergrove to be met by Stn Cdr; delegation to transfer to RAF helicopter & support team by car.  [?Alternative: delegation to arrive directly at H'borough by Irish helicopter]	(i) PCO to check travel intentions of Irish delegation.
09.30	d. UK delegation arrives at H'borough heli-pad  [?PM to greet Irish delegation at heli-pad or main door of H'borough]	N.B. RUC to arrange cars for delegations for contingency non-flying programme; (however unlikely that they will occur) as <del>RAF</del> will be unable to land in such circumstances.  (i) NIO to arrange cars.
09.40	e. ROI delegation arrives by helicopter [RAF or Irish] at H'borough heli-pad; by cars to main door	(i) NIO to arrange cars.
09.45/55	f. UK and ROI support teams arrive H'borough; given familiarisation tour and settle into Private Offices.	(i) NIO to equip 3 private offices for UK group with: 6 phones (1 secure) 3 typewriters (electric) 1 mufax plus 1 general office with 2 phones 1 typewriter (electronic) 1 heavy duty copying machine  and 3 Private Offices for ROI group with: 6 phones 3 typewriters (electric) 1 copying machine

APPROX TIME	EVENT	ACTION(S)
	2. MEETING	
1000	a. Both delegations take refreshments	(i) NIO to provide
1030	b. Meeting commences [nameplates]	(i) NIO to provide 4 microphones to raise voice levels
21130	c. Meeting concludes; delegations move to Press Conference Room for signing etc	
	3. PRESS CONFERENCE	
0900	a. Press arrive at Hillsborough - directed to Court House by RUC	(i) FCO/NIO/RUC/RAF to agree screening/security arrangements (ii) NIO to arrange for 50 telephones 5 telex machines for holding area (iii) NIO to arrange refreshments within holding area
1115	b. Press escorted by RUC into Conference Room	(i) NIO/RUC to arrange
1130	c. Signing ceremony/press conference begins	(i) NIO to arrange suitable table and equipment (ii) NIO/COI? to arrange microphones to raise voice levels
1200 (?1215)	d. Conference ends - delegations withdraw: press escorted back to holding area (Court House)	(i) NIO/RUC to arrange
1215/1230	e. ? Photo Call arrangements	(i) NIO/COI/FCO?
	4. POST CONFERENCE AND DEPARTURES	
1230/45	a. Drinks and lunch in dining room for delegations; buffet/sandwiches for support staff	(i) NIO to arrange
1400/15	b. Lunch ends [? commemorative ceremony]	(i) NIO/FCO to arrange
1400	c. Support teams leave by cars for Aldergrove	(i) NIO to arrange
1415	d. ROI Delegation by cars to heli-pad [?with PM] ? depart for Aldergrove by RAF helicopter	(i) NIO to make all arrangements [having ascertained Irish intentions]

APPROX TIME	EVENT	ACTION(S)
1425	e. UK Delegation by cars to heli-pad - depart for Aldergrove by RAF helicopter	
	NB. RUC to clear route and provide cars for delegations in case of weather deterioration.	
1430	f. ROI/UK support staff arrive by cars at Aldergrove; to Operations to await arrival of delegations	
1445	g. ROI delegation met at Aldergrove by Stn Cdr and escorted to their aircraft for departure to Dublin	
1455	h. UK delegation met at Aldergrove by St Cdr and escorted to their aircraft for departure	
1500	UK team depart RAF Aldergrove for Heathrow by RAF VC10	

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Anglo-Irish Agreement: Practical Matters

It would be helpful if the Prime Minister could give further consideration to some of the practical matters requiring decisions.

Parliament

2. I understand that, on the assumption that an Agreement is signed on 15 November, the Prime Minister intends to make her initial statement in the House about the Anglo-Irish Summit on Monday 18 November. A draft of the statement will be submitted next week, in time for the Prime Minister to see it on 11 November. Since a statement by the Prime on a Monday is unusual, it may be thought advisable for the Whips to make sure on 15 November, as soon as news of the meeting and the Agreement are made public, that MPs are aware of it in advance. It could also be mentioned in the press conference on 15 November.

3. The debate in the Dail will be on 18 and 19 or 19 and 20 November. This being so, and given that one of the aims is to channel opposition to the Agreement into Parliament, there would be advantage in holding the debate in that same week, say on Thursday 21 and Friday 22 November. On the other hand the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland has told Irish Ministers that there will need to be one clear weekend between the Prime Minister's statement and the Parliamentary debate. On that basis I suggest that the debate should be early in the week beginning 25 November; I understand that 26-27 November might be



possible for the Prime Minister. A draft of the Prime Minister's speech to open the debate will be submitted very shortly.

4. The Lords will not be sitting on 18 November, so the statement there will no doubt be made on 19 November. The Lord President is being consulted about the timing of the debate in the Lords, which should conclude after the Commons debate, so that the outcome of the latter is known before a vote is taken in the Lords.

5. It is agreed that the Prime Minister herself should lay the Command Paper before Parliament: it might on this occasion be useful if the Command Paper were presented jointly by the Prime Minister and the two Secretaries of State. It would be normal for it to contain the Summit communiqué as well as the Agreement. Since changes may be made to the communiqué during the Summit, it will be very difficult to distribute the printed Command Paper on Friday 15 November. Moreover, very few Members would be present that afternoon. It seems preferable for the Command Paper to be distributed on the morning of Monday 18 November.

#### Briefings for Party Leaders

6. The Prime Minister has agreed to offer to see the Northern Ireland party leaders immediately after the Summit. As was recognised at the Prime Minister's meeting with the Secretaries of State, there would be some disadvantage in the Prime Minister giving the Westminster party leaders better treatment, by briefing them on the day before the Summit. If that disadvantage was considered decisive could they - and should they - be fitted into the Prime Minister's diary after her return to London that day? They would need to be warned since they might not otherwise be in London so close to the weekend.

Public Presentation

7. A draft opening statement for the Prime Minister at the joint Press Conference with the Taoiseach will shortly be submitted. Mr Ingham suggested that the Press Conference should be televised and should last about 30 minutes.

8. The Secretary of State for Northern Ireland hopes to see leader writers of The Times, The Guardian and the Financial Times on 15 November. The question whether the Prime Minister should see the especially influential Mr Utley of the Daily Telegraph remains open; but I think that she was not inclined to do so.

10. I am sending copies of this minute to the Private Secretaries to the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary and the Secretary Northern Ireland; and to Mr Ingham.

*RS*

*for*

ROBERT ARMSTRONG

6 November 1985

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