

• Primo Minister.

I have agreed with the Irish that you + Mr Haughey should meet immediately after this session in our Delegation Office for 15/30 minutes. Content?

I have told the Irish that you would prefer a note taker to be present for the tête à tête. Agree?

No The Irish have suggested that Mr Lennihan + Lord Carrington should join the meeting after a while. I said I was not sure how early this would be to arrange but that you + Mr Haughey would take a view at the beginning of your meeting.

Mr Haughey hopes (as the F.C.S. told you)

to talk about the hunger strikers. He  
entirely accepts your position on the question  
of political status. He will be encouraging you  
to stick to it rather than the contrary. He  
seems to be thinking in terms of saying  
this in a communiqué at the end of  
the Dublin meeting. No doubt there will be  
some 'weasel words' or a quid pro quo. He  
is not worried by the RTE poll. I have  
warned the Irish that there is no give in your  
position on this.

Paul

1.12.80.

I am all against Linnihan & me  
joining. It would only stand it all  
up again