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THE PRIME MINISTER

13 November 1981

Dear Mr. Napier,

Thank you for your letter of 30 October. I know of the Alliance Party's constructive attitude towards the development of Anglo-Irish relations from our meeting on 16 January and I was grateful for your further helpful remarks.

Since you wrote, you will have heard that the Taoiseach and I decided on 6 November to publish the report which we had received on the Joint Studies and also the Joint Studies themselves (with the exception of the one on security). The Joint Communique following the meeting set out in some detail what had been discussed, and this has been amplified by my remarks at the Press Conference held after the meeting and by my statement of 10 November to the House of Commons.

I hope that this very considerable degree of openness will demonstrate clearly to the people of Northern Ireland that they have nothing to fear from the further development of Anglo-Irish relations.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

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