

From: THE PRIVATE SECRETARY



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Dear Tim ^{WV 27/8}

Thank you for your letter of 26 August relaying Mr Molyneaux's message to the Prime Minister.

... I attach for your information a copy of Mr Prior's reply (which was handed to Mr Molyneaux yesterday evening).

Yours sincerely
M W Hopkins

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From the Private Secretary

26 August 1982

As I mentioned on the phone, Jim Molyneaux's Personal Assistant phoned Ian Gow here earlier today with a message from Mr. Molyneaux which he said was likely to be released to the Press. The message is as follows:

"Following the SDLP decision to boycott the Northern Ireland Assembly I urgently request you to advise Mr. Speaker to re-call Parliament for the purpose of amending the Northern Ireland Act of 1982 by removing the Cross Community Consent requirement and inserting a firm undertaking that Her Majesty's Government will give effect to any resolution of the Northern Ireland Assembly carried by a majority of those present and voting thereby removing the SDLP and other Republican veto over all progress and policies in Ulster."

Mr. Millar also requested that the Prime Minister should see Mr. Molyneaux.

The Prime Minister was not minded to see Mr. Molyneaux and would be grateful if Mr. Prior could respond to Mr. Molyneaux's message and to see him if necessary.

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