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Prime Minister

This is a revised version of the Anglo-Irish summit communiqué, amended to meet your adverse comments on the earlier version.

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MR POWELL

Anglo-Irish Relations: Northern Ireland

It seems to me to be acceptable.

Your minute of 5 November conveyed the Prime Minister's comments on the draft communique passage which I had telegraphed to New Delhi.

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2. In consultation with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and the Northern Ireland Office I have now recast the draft passage to take account of the Prime Minister's comments.

3. If she is content I will telegraph the revised draft to Mr Nally via the British Ambassador in Dublin.

4. I am sending copies of this minute and the draft to the Private Secretaries of the Foreign Secretary and the Northern Ireland Secretary.

REA

ROBERT ARMSTRONG

8 November 1984



NORTHERN IRELAND: DRAFT PASSAGE FOR INCLUSION IN
SUMMIT COMUNIQUE

The Prime Minister and the Taoiseach agreed that it was a major interest of both their countries, as well as of both the majority and minority communities in Northern Ireland, that there should be lasting peace and stability in Northern Ireland.

They agreed that any change in the constitutional status of Northern Ireland as part of the United Kingdom could come about only with the consent of a majority of the people of Northern Ireland.

The Taoiseach reaffirmed that it remained the wish of the Irish Government that the two parts of Ireland should come together by freely negotiated agreement and in peace. ^{And that he also gained Northern Ireland} The Prime Minister, ^{re-affirming} while noting that the majority in Northern Ireland remained opposed to such a change, ^{at the time} confirmed the ^{undertaking} that, if in the future the majority of the people of Northern Ireland were to ^{clearly wish and consented} express their consent to a change in the constitutional status of Northern Ireland, the United Kingdom Government would ^{prepare} accept that decision and would support legislation in the British Parliament ^{to} to give effect to it.

The Prime Minister and the Taoiseach further agreed:

- i. Any attempt to promote political objectives by means of violence or the



threat of violence must be rejected, as must those who adopt or support such methods.

ii. The identities of both the majority and the minority communities in Northern Ireland should be recognised and respected.

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iii. The institutions of Government in Northern Ireland should be such as to provide the people of both communities with the confidence that their rights will be safeguarded.

The Prime Minister and the Taoiseach agreed that there should be close and continuing dialogue on these subjects between the two Governments over the coming months in the framework of the Anglo-Irish Intergovernmental Council.