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From the Private Secretary

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

ANGLO-IRISH RELATIONS: NORTHERN IRELAND

Your minute A084/2995 of 8 November attached a revised version of the draft communique of the Anglo-Irish Summit. The Prime Minister proposed various amendments to this which I gave to you orally, and were reflected in the subsequent revision attached to your minute A084/2332 of 9 November.

The Prime Minister has considered that further revision and is content with it subject to two further amendments:

- (i) The first sentence of the third paragraph should read: "The Prime Minister reaffirmed that Northern Ireland was part of the United Kingdom and that the majority in Northern Ireland wanted it to remain so".
- (ii) The words "for its decision" should be omitted at the end of paragraph three.

I understand that you will be putting the draft as amended to Mr Nally.

C D Powell

9 November 1984