

NORTHERN IRELAND

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PS/LADY YOUNG  
PS/PUS  
MR GOODALL

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PS/MR R ANDREW, OAB 1/56  
MR BRENNAN  
MR BURNS  
MR J LYON

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HD/NEWS DEPT

SIR R ARMSTRONG)  
DIO } CABINET OFFICE

~~RESIDENT CLERK~~

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PS/ NO 10 DOWNING STREET (3)

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FM DUBLIN 220910Z NOV 84  
TO IMMEDIATE FCO  
TELEGRAM NUMBER 677 OF 22 NOVEMBER 1984

TELECON RESIDENT CLERK/STIMSON AND MY TELELETTER OF 21 NOVEMBER TO CLARK, RID.

IRISH REACTIONS TO ANGLO-IRISH SUMMIT

1. THE IRISH FEELING OF GLOOM AND DEPRESSION IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE SUMMIT HAS DEEPEMED.
2. THE TAOISEACH IS REGARDED AS HAVING GONE OUT OF HIS WAY AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE AND IN ADDRESSING THE DAIL NOT TO BE DRAWN ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE TALKS AND NOT TO INDULGE IN RECRIMINATIONS IN THE LONGER TERM INTEREST OF ANGLO/IRISH RELATIONS.
3. HOWEVER, IN A PRIVATE MEETING YESTERDAY OF HIS OWN PARLIAMENTARY PARTY, AND IN RESPONSE TO FIERCE CRITICISM FROM HIS OWN BACK BENCHERS, HE IS REPORTED TO HAVE AGREED TO A SUGGESTION THAT THE PRIME MINISTER'S BEHAVIOUR AT HER PRESS CONFERENCE WAS "GRATUITOUSLY OFFENSIVE" AND MR BARRY IS UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE VOLUNTEERED THAT HER BEHAVIOUR WAS "DISGRACEFUL". THESE REMARKS HAVE NATURALLY LEAKED AND MAKE THE HEADLINES IN ALL THIS MORNING'S DUBLIN PAPERS.
4. THE TANAISTE YESTERDAY ISSUED A STATEMENT DESCRIBING AS "ASTONISHING AND UNACCEPTABLE" MR HURD'S "SELFISHIVE"



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"ASTONISHING AND UNACCEPTABLE" MR HURD'S "SELECTIVE"  
REFERENCE TO "SOME OF THE ISSUES RAISED IN THE COURSE OF A  
CONFIDENTIAL MEETING." RTE RADIO NEWS HEADLINE THIS MORNING  
IS THAT THE TAOISEACH, MR BARRY, MR SPRING, MR HAUGHEY AND MR HUME  
ARE NOW ALL CRITICAL OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S AND MR HURD'S  
STATEMENTS TO THE PRESS.

5. WHAT APPEARS TO HAVE HAPPENED IS THAT THE PRESSURE ON THE  
TAOISEACH FROM THE OPPOSITION TOGETHER WITH FEELINGS OF ANGER AND  
FRUSTRATION AMONGST COALITION BACK BENCHERS HAVE COMBINED TO  
OVERCOME HIS NATURAL AND INSTINCTIVE COURTESY. THE SENSE OF  
HUMILIATION AND WOUNDED PRIDE AMONGST IRISH TD'S, ALREADY APPARENT  
BEFORE MR HURD'S PRESS CONFERENCE IS NOW WIDESPREAD-AND OVERT.  
BUT DESPITE SPECULATION AMONGST OPPOSITION TD'S THAT THE TAOISEACH'S  
OWN POSITION AS LEADER OF THE COALITION MAY NOW BE IN QUESTION,  
FINE GAEL TD'S APPEAR FOR THE MOMENT TO BE CLOSING RANKS IN  
HIS SUPPORT.

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STIMSON

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