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MY TELNO 192: FORUM REPORT: TRASH POLITHICAL COMMENT

- 1. THE RELEASE OF THE FORUM REPORT WAS ACCOMPANIED BY A SERIES OF STATEMENTS AND PRESS CONFERENCES. THIS TELEGRAM SUMMARISES:
- (A) TAGISEACH'S ADDRESS TO THE CLOSING SESSION OF THE FORUM
- (B) MR HAUGHEY'S PRESS CONFERENCE
- (C) TADISEACH'S REMARKS ON RTE (TODAY TON-IGHT PROGRAMME).

## (A) TADISEACH'S ADDRESS

2. DR FHTZGERALD SAID THAT THE FORUM'S ANALYSIS WAS AN IRRISH NATIONALIST ONE, BUT THEY HAD SOUGHT TO TRANSCEND HT AND FIND A BASIS FOR COMMON GROUND BETWEEN THE TWO TRADITIONS AND FOR COMMON ACTION BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS. THE REPORT WAS NOT A BLUEPRINT BUT AN AGENDA LEADING TO ACTION TO BRING PEACE AND STABILITY TO HRELAND.

## (B) MR HAUGHEY'S PRESS CONFERENCE

3. ALL FOUR PARTY LEADERS GAVE PRESS CONFERENCES, BUT MR HAUGHEY'S ATTRACTED PARTICULAR ATTENTION. HE MAINTAINED THAT A UNITARY STATE WAS THE ONLY SOLUTION TO THE HISLAND'S PROBLEMS AND DISMISSED THE OTHER TWO OPTIONS AS UNLIKELY TO BRING PEACE AND STABILLITY. THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT SHOULD RESPOND IMMEDIATELY AND POSITIVELY AND



MAS THE ONLY SOLUTION TO THE USLAND'S PROBLEMS AND DISMISSED TO OTHER TWO OPTIONS AS UNLIKELY TO BRING PEACE AND STABILITY. THE BRITISH SOVERNMENT SHOULD RESPOND IMMEDIATELY AND POSITIVELY AND CALL A CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE. HE WANTED THE BRITISH GUARANTEE, WHICH WAS A STUMBLING BLOCK, WITHDRAWN. ASKED WHAT HE WOULD SAY INF UNHONISTS REFUSED TO ACCEPT A UNITARY STATE, HE REPLIED 'NOBODY INSENTINTLED TO DENY THE NATURAL UNDITY OF THIS COUNTRY. THE PARTIES (TO THE FORUM) WHISH TO ESTABLISH A UNDITARY STATE'.

4. COMMENT: WHILE JOURNALISTS' QUESTIONS TO SOME EXTENT PROMPTED MR HAUGHEY'S NATIONALIST LINE, THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT HE IS ALREADY SELECTING FROM THE REPORT THE HITEMS WHICH SUNT HIM BEST. THE LABOUR PARTY LEADER SAID THAT NEHTHER HE NOR HIS PARTY REGARDED A UNITARY STATE AS THE ONLY OPTION. PRESS COMMENT CLEARLY FEELS THAT MR HAUGHEY'S DISCORDANT HINTERPRETATION HAS LET THE SIDE DOWN.

## (C) THE TADISEACH ON TELEVISION

5. MATERVIEWED ON RTE, DR FHITZGERALD DESCRIBED MR PRIOR'S STATEMENT AS HELPFUL: "WHILE IN THIS STATEMENT THERE ARE SOME CRITICISMS OF THE HISTORICAL ANALYSIS, THERE ARE OTHER POSITIVE STATEMENTS TOO ... HE DIED NOT EXPECT THE BRITTISH OR UNIONISTS TO SHARE THE INCISH VERSION OF HISTORY, BUT HT WAS RIGHT THAT THE HRISH SHOULD STATE THE WAY THEY SAW IT. THE GOVERNMENT'S WISH WOULD BE TO MOVE TO DISCUSS-HONS WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT OF THE LATTER WERE WILLIAMS TO DISCUSS HOW PROGRESS COULD BE MADE. HIT WAS WRONG FOR ANYONE TO CLOSE THEIR MINDS TO ANYTHING THAT COULD END WIOLENCE IN NORTHERN TRELAND OR BRING PEACE AND STABILITY: " LET US RETAIN THE OPENNESS WHICH IS THE KEY CHARACTERISTIC OF THIS DOCUMENT .. HE HOPED THAT THE BRATUSH GOVERNMENT WOULD FACE UP TO THE REALITHES OF THE DETERITOR-ATING SHTUATION IN NORTHERN BRELAND AND TO THE FACT THAT THE FORUM PARTHES HAD FACED THE REALITHES OF THAT SHTUATION IN A WAY NOT DONE BEFORE. HE HOPED FOR SERIOUS DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS, BUT WHEN ASKED ABOUT A SUMMET SAID THAT THERE WAS A CURRENT DIALOGUE ON MANY LEVELS WHICH HE HOPED WOULD CONTENUE.

6. THE HRISH GOVERNMENT'S STATEMENT OF 2 MAY 45 AN PARAGRAPH 2 OF MY TELNO 193.

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