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YOUR TELNO 287: PRIME MINNISTER'S LETTER TO MR CUSHNAHAN

1. I HANDED THIS TEXT TO DONLON ON 22 NOVEMBER. HE SAID THAT THE IRISH GOVERNMENT COULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO ITS CONTENT. HE HOPED HOWEVER THAT WE SHOULD CONSULT THEM BEFORE MAKING ANY FURTHER COMMUNICATION ON THE BASIS OF THE SECOND PARAGRAPH TO NORTHERN IRELAND POLITICIANS. LILLIS SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD ME THAT HE THOUGHT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WOULD FIND ITSELF IN CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTIES IF WE PROMISED TO REVEAL WHAT HAPPENED IN THE CONFERENCE, SINCE THE IRISH WOULD BE RAISING DELICATE QUESTIONS FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW. PUBLICITY FOR THESE QUESTIONS WOULD NOT NECESSARILY EMBARRASS THE IRISH SO MUCH.

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