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FM DUBLIN
TO IMMEDIATE FCO
TELNO 104
OF 171640Z FEBRUARY 86
INFO IMMEDIATE NIO BELFAST

MY TELNO 82: **ANGLO-IRISH PARLIAMENTARY BODY**

1. WHEN MR SCOTT SAW **DR FITZGERALD** ON 15 FEBRUARY THE LATTER SAID THAT HE WAS PLEASED WITH HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH MR HAUGHEY ON THIS TOPIC AND HE THOUGHT THAT THE IRISH SIDE WAS NOW READY TO GO FORWARD WITH DISCUSSIONS WITH THE BRITISH SIDE. HE HOPED THAT THIS COULD BE COMPLETED IN TIME FOR A BODY TO MEET IN THE EARLY AUTUMN. HE ENVISAGED ABOUT 25 MEMBERS FROM EACH SIDE. HE DID NOT INTEND TO ESTABLISH ANY KIND OF PRELIMINARY COMMITTEE OF THE SORT ENVISAGED BY MR MICHAEL MATES MP AND WAS PLEASED WHEN MR SCOTT SAID HE DID NOT THINK THAT WE PROPOSED TO DO SO WITHER. HE DOES NOT ENVISAGE THE BODY HAVING ANY SUBSTANTIAL POWERS AND SPOKE OF IT BEING BASED ON PREVIOUS CONTACTS BETWEEN ANGLO-IRISH PARLIAMENTARY GROUPS.
2. **I GOT THE IMPRESSION THAT HE REGARDS THE BALL AS NOW BEING IN OUR COURT.**
3. FCO PLEASE ADVANCE TO PS/MR SCOTT AND TO BELL NIO(L).

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