

PRIME MINISTER

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## BILATERAL WITH MR. HAUGHEY

You are to have a meeting with Mr. Haughey in the margins of the European Council in Madrid. For once - touch wood - there is not a crisis in Anglo-Irish relations. It can thus be rather a less fraught meeting than on recent occasions. Equally it need not last very long.

Mr. Haughey himself is in some trouble after doing poorly in the snap general election. He is losing his main political ally, Mr. Lenihan, to ill-health. But he is determined to go on and seems likely to form another minority government.

There are four things we want from the meeting:

- a welcome for the completion of the review of the Anglo-Irish Agreement. This went quite well and should be noted with satisfaction.
- while welcoming the greater effort being made by the Irish on security cooperation, to make sure that they do not feel complacent. There is a great deal still to do and we are still not getting pre-emptive intelligence.
- to keep up the pressure on the Irish to push ahead with the review of their new Extradition Law, making necessary amendments to procedures. We will continue to use extra-territorial prosecution when this is appropriate.
- to ask Mr. Haughey about the issues at the European Council itself (we can expect little active support) and about his plans for the Irish Presidency in the second half of 1990.

He may complain about the issue of plastic baton rounds to the UDR. The answer is that the UDR patrols must be able to protect themselves from sudden attacks by mobs without having

to use lethal force. But there is no intention to use the UDR in riot control and public order situations.

A fuller note is in the folder, together with telegrams from Dublin.

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