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MR COLES *ASL*Anglo-Irish Summit

At my meeting with Mr Dermot Nally in Dublin yesterday, we agreed upon a final text of the report of the Co-ordinating Committee of the Anglo-Irish Intergovernmental Council on the state of play on the various matters covered in the Joint Studies.

2. On the three matters referred to in your minute of 1 November: the Irish were keen to retain the reference back to the sentence in the Joint Studies which said that the Anglo-Irish Encounter organisation was intended as an interim measure, pending the creation of an Advisory Committee on economic, social and cultural co-operation; but they agreed to the inclusion of the word "eventual" before "creation" as an indication that the Advisory Committee was some way off. They agreed to water down the reference to North-South co-operation on the preparation of tourist maps of the border area, so that it referred now simply to preparation of maps for tourists. By bringing all the educational references into one section we improved the balance as between North and South.

3. The detailed report, and the joint report by Mr Nally and me to the Prime Minister and the Taoiseach which covers it, are therefore agreed documents, suitable for being annexed to the communique, if that is what is decided. If precedent is followed, they would be issued in typed form with the communique and then subsequently reproduced as a White Paper.

4. We also considered a draft communique, and reached agreement upon a text which is attached. Both of us made the point that this text was very much ad referendum to the Prime Minister and the Taoiseach, and could well need to be amended in the light of the discussion. It will, however, form the basis upon which we can do whatever work is required on the day.



5. I am sending copies of this minute and the draft communique to the Private Secretaries to the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary and the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

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ROBERT ARMSTRONG

3 November 1983

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Communique: Draft Outline

1. The Prime Minister, the Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher MP, and the Taoiseach, Dr. Garret FitzGerald TD, met at today in the first meeting of the AIIC to be held at the level of Heads of Government. The Prime Minister was accompanied by

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2. They recalled the Joint Communique issued after their meeting of 6 November, 1981, which announced the setting up of the AIIC, and which they agreed formed the framework for the continuing development of the relationship between their two Governments.

3. The two Heads of Government discussed current issues in Anglo-Irish relations including the situation in Northern Ireland.

4. They reviewed the state of work in the Anglo-Irish Intergovernmental Council at both Ministerial and official levels. In this connection they considered a joint report reviewing co-operation between the two countries since the publication of the Anglo-Irish Joint Studies in November, 1981. They approved this report which deals with institutional structures, citizenship rights, security matters, economic co-operation and measures to encourage mutual understanding. They agreed that the report, with the exception of the section on security matters, should be issued as an annex to this communique.

5. They welcomed the recent establishment of the Encounter Organisation which they believe will contribute to the improvement of relations between their peoples in the interests of peace, reconciliation and stability.

~~6. They reaffirmed their steadfast opposition to violence and expressed satisfaction with the co-operation between the security forces of the two countries.~~

36. They welcomed the satisfactory conclusion of negotiations for the supply of Kinsale Gas to Northern Ireland.

7. The two Heads of Government also discussed a wide range of international issues. In particular, they reviewed the main issues current in Community discussions notably the future financing of the Community, the Community budget, the Common Agriculture Policy and the enlargement of the Community.