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Prime Minister*Agree that these documents  
should be published as a*MR COLEScc Sir Robert Armstrong  
Mr Brennan, NIO  
Mr Evers, FCO*Yes no White Paper?**A. J. C. 10/11*Anglo-Irish Summit on 7 November 1983

In his minute to you of 3 November reporting his talks with Mr Dermot Nally in Dublin on 2 November, Sir Robert Armstrong pointed out that, if precedent were followed, the documents approved by the Summit would be subsequently reproduced as a White Paper. This reflected a provisional agreement with the Irish to that effect. The documents concerned are -

- i. The Summit communique
- ii. The Joint Report of the Steering Committee.
- iii. Anglo-Irish Studies: Review of Activity since November 1981.

2. The Irish have now confirmed that they are publishing the three documents in their Parliamentary series, the equivalent of our White Papers. It therefore seems right that we should follow suit.

3. In 1981, the White Paper on the Anglo-Irish Joint Studies (Cmnd 8414) was presented to Parliament by the Prime Minister. I should be grateful for confirmation that it will be in order for us to follow the same procedure on this occasion.

*Daniel Goodall*9 November 1983

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10 DOWNING STREET

*From the Private Secretary*

MR. GOODALL

ANGLO/IRISH SUMMIT

Thank you for your minute of 9 November.

The Prime Minister agrees that the documents to which you refer should be published as a White Paper.

A. J. COLES

11 November 1983

RW



Prime Minister.

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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.

RTA

ROBERT ARMSTRONG

3 November 1983

CONQUEROR

RTA



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 ....

The Taoiseach was accompanied by ....

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.



## COMMUNIQUE

1. The Prime Minister, the Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher, FRS, MP, and the Taoiseach, Dr Garret Fitzgerald, TD, met at Chequers today in the first meeting of the Anglo-Irish Inter-Governmental Council to be held at the level of Heads of Government. The Prime Minister was accompanied by the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, the Rt Hon Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, MP, and the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, the Rt Hon James Prior, MP. The Taoiseach was accompanied by the Tanaiste, Mr Dick Spring, TD and the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr Peter Barry, TD.

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. They expressed their deep concern about continuing violence and their joint determination to take all possible means to end it. The Taoiseach briefed the Prime Minister in relation to the work of the New Ireland Forum.

4. They reviewed the state of work in the Anglo-Irish Inter-Governmental 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 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 the Community discussions notably the future financing of the Community, the Community budget, the Common Agriculture Policy and the enlargement of the Community.

8. They looked forward to further meetings of the Anglo-Irish Inter-Governmental Council at Heads of Government level at regular intervals.

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PLEASE CHECK AGAINST  
DELIVERY

I SHOULD LIKE, WITH PERMISSION, MR. SPEAKER, TO MAKE A

BRIEF STATEMENT ON THE DISCUSSIONS THAT I HELD

WITH THE TAOISEACH ON 7 NOVEMBER.

I WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MY RT. HON. FRIENDS THE

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH

AFFAIRS AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR NORTHERN

IRELAND.

DR. FITZGERALD WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MR. SPRING,

THE TANAISTE, AND BY MR. BARRY, THE IRISH

FOREIGN MINISTER.

/THIS WAS OUR



THIS WAS OUR FIRST MEETING FOR TWO YEARS, OTHER THAN IN THE MARGINS OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL.

IT TOOK PLACE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE ANGLO-IRISH INTERGOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL WHICH WE SET UP AT OUR MEETING ON 6 NOVEMBER 1981.

THE MEETING PROVIDED THE OCCASION FOR A USEFUL AND CONSTRUCTIVE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND REFLECTED THE GOOD RELATIONSHIP WHICH NOW EXISTS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.



WE REVIEWED THE STATE OF WORK OF THE  
COUNCIL AT BOTH MINISTERIAL AND OFFICIAL LEVELS.

WE APPROVED A JOINT REPORT DESCRIBING THE  
CO-OPERATION WHICH HAS TAKEN PLACE BETWEEN THE  
TWO COUNTRIES SINCE THE PUBLICATION OF THE  
ANGLO-IRISH JOINT STUDIES IN NOVEMBER 1981.

WE PARTICULARLY WELCOMED THE SATISFACTORY  
CONCLUSION OF NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE SUPPLY OF  
KINSALE GAS TO NORTHERN IRELAND.

THE REPORT AND THE REVIEW ANNEXED TO IT,  
WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE SECTION ON SECURITY  
MATTERS, HAVE BEEN PLACED IN THE LIBRARY OF THE  
HOUSE.

/WE ALSO DISCUSSED



WE ALSO DISCUSSED OTHER ISSUES IN ANGLO-IRISH RELATIONS,

INCLUDING THE SITUATION IN NORTHERN IRELAND.

WE REAFFIRMED OUR DEEP CONCERN ABOUT CONTINUING

VIOLENCE AND OUR JOINT DETERMINATION TO TAKE ALL

POSSIBLE MEANS TO END IT.

DR. FITZGERALD SPOKE OF THE WORK OF THE NEW IRELAND

FORUM.

WE ALSO DISCUSSED A WIDE RANGE OF INTERNATIONAL

ISSUES, INCLUDING THE LEBANON.

WE GAVE SPECIAL ATTENTION TO COMMUNITY ISSUES

IN THE LIGHT OF THE FORTHCOMING EUROPEAN

COUNCIL IN ATHENS.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO FURTHER MEETINGS OF THE

ANGLO-IRISH INTERGOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL AT HEADS

OF GOVERNMENT LEVEL AT REGULAR INTERVALS.