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11th November 1983

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Dear Tim

Thank you for your letter of 7 November to Derek Hill with which you enclosed the letter sent to the Prime Minister on 7 November by the three DUP MPs, Dr Paisley, Peter Robinson and the Rev William McCrea. I attach a draft reply.

The letter is part of the DUP's campaign to whip up feeling in Northern Ireland against the development of contact and co-operation between the United Kingdom and the Republic. The draft reply follows the line taken by the Prime Minister in her recent letter to Mr Molyneaux and in answer to questions in the House following her statement about the Summit on 8 November.

I am sending a copy of this letter and Dr Paisley's letter to Brian Fall.

Yours ever,

John

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<p>To</p> <p>The Rev Dr I R K Paisley MP</p> <p>House of Commons</p> <p>LONDON</p> <p>SW1A 0AA</p> <p>(Full Postal Address)</p>	<p>Enclosures</p> <p>MP</p>	<p>Copies to be sent to</p> <p>hidden copies:</p> <p>Mr D A Hill - NIO</p> <p>PS/Sir G Howe</p> <p>(Full Address, if Necessary)</p>
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LETTER DRAFTED FOR SIGNATURE BY The Prime Minister
(Name of Signatory)

Thank you for your letter of 7 November which was co-signed by your parliamentary party colleagues.

The Government's position on the fundamental question of Northern Ireland's status as a part of the United Kingdom is absolutely clear ~~out~~. The Joint Studies, the work of the Anglo-Irish Intergovernmental Council since then, and my discussions with Dr FitzGerald are all entirely consistent with that position and do not undermine it in any way. Your suggestion that they are somehow intended to "ease and tease" Northern Ireland out of the United Kingdom is completely without foundation.

~~Nor do terrorist outrages depend on such meetings.~~

The recent exchanges with the Government of the Republic are normal aspects of dealings between neighbouring friendly States with a number of common interests. ~~and the Government will not be deterred from pursuing such exchanges~~ ~~these matters by the sort of suspicions to which you refer.~~

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Rev. Ian PAISLEY

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

7 November 1983

I enclose a copy of a letter the Prime Minister has today received from the Revd. Ian Paisley MP and two co-signatories.

I should be grateful if you could let me have a suitable draft reply which the Prime Minister might send as soon as possible.

BPP

(Timothy Flesher)

Derek Hill, Esq.,
Northern Ireland Office

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From the Private Secretary

7 November 1983

I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister to thank you for your letter of 7 November.

I will place this before the Prime Minister at once and you will be sent a reply as soon as possible.

(Timothy Flesher)

The Rev. Ian Paisley, M.P.

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10 DOWNING STREET

PRIME MINISTER

Here is the letter which
Ian Paisley handed in at Downing
Street today about the Summit.

No doubt Mr. Paisley will be
raising these points during your
statement tomorrow.

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7 November 1983

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Prime Minister has seen.

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TEXT OF A LETTER FROM THE REVEREND IAN PAISLEY - 7 NOVEMBER 1983

As representatives of the Unionist population in Northern Ireland we wish to protest most strongly at the new Irish summit meeting to be ^{held} today and request that you reconsider the ill-advised path which you are following concerning the external relations between Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic.

We believe that such meetings as these are only an encouragement to the IRA terrorists in Northern Ireland and would point to the recent upsurge in violence this week in which three RUC men have been brutally murdered, numerous people injured and thousands of pounds worth of damage caused as evidence that the IRA use such summit meetings for a reason to launch spectacular acts of violence. This has been the case in the past and will continue to be the case. We therefore ask in the name of those who have died and inevitably will die as a result of this policy, that you call off today's meeting and any further meetings in the future.

We must inform you that in Northern Ireland your actions are regarded as part of the plan to ease and tease Northern Ireland out of the United Kingdom. Through these joint studies and summit meetings it is believed that your Government is seeking to make the two parts of Ireland so dependent upon each other that the case for Irish unity will be fostered and the goal of Irish unification will be achieved. You are seen to be doing by political negotiation and intrigue the work which the IRA is seeking to do by murder and destruction.

As representatives of a party which is in touch with the grass routes of Unionist opinion we warn you that such actions and objectives will be opposed by all the strengths at our disposal if that is necessary.

Many times you have told us that Northern Ireland will

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remain part of the United Kingdom as long as the majority wish it. Your party is regarded as the party which stands most strongly on the union. Prove it by renouncing the present path which is viewed by the Unionist electorate as a sell-out of your principles.

Prime Minister

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4 NOVEMBER 1983

TO: THE RT HON MARGARET THATCHER MP
PRIME MINISTER
10 DOWNING STREET
LONDON

DEAR PRIME MINISTER

IN VIEW OF THE DEATHS AND MANY INJURIES RESULTING FROM
THE REPUBLICAN TERRORIST BOMB AT THE ULSTER POLYTECHNIC,
IN THE NAME OF THE ULSTER PEOPLE I WOULD CALL FOR THE
CANCELLATION OF THE ANGLO IRISH SUMMIT ON MONDAY.

THE PREVIOUS SUMMIT MEETINGS HAVE ONLY ENCOURAGED MURDEROUS
TERRORIST ACTS.

YOURS SINCERELY
DR IAN R K PAISLEY MP MEP MPA
(LEADER OF THE ULSTER DEMOCRATIC UNIONIST PARTY)

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