

PRIME MINISTER

BILATERAL WITH THE NORTHERN IRELAND SECRETARY

You have a bilateral tomorrow with the Northern Ireland Secretary. The points he will wish to discuss are:

- (i) You may wish to compliment him on his speaking note about Libya and the IRA which seems to have been used effectively in a lot of papers and by other Ministers.
- (ii) His assessment of the security situation in the Province.
- (iii) Although Mr. Molyneaux and Dr. Paisley have spoken approvingly of your latest letter to them, we have not yet received any reply. You may like to ask what intelligence he has of their intentions and how he thinks follow-up discussions with them might be organised if they are willing to participate.
- (iv) The press are claiming that no meetings of the Intergovernmental Conference are currently planned. You may like to check the position on this with him.
- (v) You will want to reassure him that when you see Eldon Griffiths on Thursday to discuss RUC matters, you will stick firmly to the line he has recommended.

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