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PRIME MINISTER

I have seen Douglas Hurd's minute to you of 1 March about the idea of an Anglo-Irish Parliamentary Body.

2. I am not sufficiently in touch with present day developments to express a worthwhile view on the wisdom of the project. I merely write to say that if it is to go forward I would face considerable criticism if a link between the House of Lords and the Irish Senate was not included. In any event Gerry Fitt and Billy Blease (a most balanced Irish TUC member) would have a valuable contribution to make.

3. I am sending copies of this minute to Geoffrey Howe, John Biffen, Douglas Hurd and Sir Robert Armstrong.

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Privy Council Office
4 March 1985

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