

PRIME MINISTER

*Amend* *mb*

ANGLO-IRISH RELATIONS

These are the proposed instructions for the Foreign Secretary and Northern Ireland Secretary, to draw on in Dublin on 22 March. They are much better and represent a considerably more restrictive line following the conclusions of your last meeting (at Flag A). The only points which you will want to watch are:

- (i) paragraph 4(b). This is an attempt to claw back a bit more flexibility on what would constitute an acceptable price for our agreeing to include economic and social matters in the remit of the Standing Committee.
- (ii) paragraph 4(e) suggests telling the Irish that the aim would be a further Summit in June. I think it would be premature to mention a date even tentatively now; you may want to hold this back for your own meeting with the Taoiseach.

*De shall meet with European Council mt.*

The Foreign Secretary's minute attaches a revised paper to take account of the comments made at your last meeting. It is not proposed to hand it over to the Irish on Friday. I have annotated it to show the main changes made. I also attach the original version with your disapproving squiggles (at Flag B).

Agree to proposed line to take, subject to these comments?

*C.D.P.*

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