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12/6PRIME MINISTERANGLO-IRISH RELATIONS: NORTHERN IRELAND

I have seen Sir Robert Armstrong's minute to you of 3rd June.

2. I agree with his reasoning on the two points discussed in the submission and, subject to colleagues' views, I am content for the revised text to be put to the Irish at official level.

3. I am sending copies of this minute to other members of OD(I) and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

*Wagh*

Ministry of Defence  
10th June 1985

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Spoken to Mr  
who is contact for  
document to be handed  
over to the Irish Government  
CDP 11/6.

Prime Minister  
Agree either Douglas  
Hurd's formulation or  
RTA's version below?  
Agree that

Ref. A085/1568

MR POWELL

Yes Mr

Anglo-Irish Relations: Northern Ireland

Thank you for your minute of 10 June.

text may now be  
given to Irish  
government?

2. We will now put the draft British proposal to the Irish Government amended as suggested by the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland in his minute of 7 June.

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3. If the Irish (as they may well do) respond by suggesting that any review clause should apply not just to Section III (the section that is there to meet their needs) but also to Section II (the section that commits the Irish Government on the constitutional status of Northern Ireland), I suggest that I should have discretion to propose:

(a) an alternative review formula covering the whole agreement (to be inserted as a new Section V), as follows:

"At the end of three years from the signature of this agreement, or earlier if requested by either party, the operation of the agreement would be reviewed by the two Governments"

and

(b) the insertion of the existing paragraph 4, in that place, to allow either Government to propose changes in the working of the Committee without calling the whole agreement into review.

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4. I am sending copies of this minute to the Private Secretaries to members of OD(I).

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ROBERT ARMSTRONG

10 June 1985



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SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

**ANGLO/IRISH RELATIONS: NORTHERN IRELAND**

The Prime Minister has considered your submission of 3 June enclosing the revised text of the British proposal following the meeting of OD(I) on 23 May. She has also noted the views of a number of her colleagues who have subsequently minuted.

The Prime Minister agrees with the Northern Ireland Secretary that it is essential to have written into the agreement a specific review clause. She rather doubts whether it would be possible to limit such a review to the working of the proposed Standing Inter-Governmental Committee and thinks that it would probably have to apply to the agreement as a whole. She would be grateful if you could propose language drawing on the Northern Ireland Secretary's suggestion and circulate it to members of OD(I).

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C D POWELL

10 June 1985