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*From the Private Secretary*

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

ANGLO-IRISH RELATIONS: NORTHERN IRELAND

The Prime Minister has considered the points raised in your minute of 31 October. I understand that the Northern Ireland Secretary will also be minuting on some of them. The Prime Minister will wish to hold a further discussion with him and the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary early next week. The purpose would be to approve instructions for a further talk between you and Mr. Nally. The Prime Minister would not want this delayed until the week beginning 10 November.

As you know, the Prime Minister is very strongly opposed to the proposal to include new language on the status of Northern Ireland in paragraph 4 of the joint communique. She does not want to put any gloss on the language of Article 1 of the Agreement itself.

I am copying this minute to the Private Secretaries to the Northern Ireland Secretary and the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary.

CHARLES POWELL

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