

PRIME MINISTER

The Northern Ireland Secretary has asked whether you would be prepared to receive John Hume. There would be advantage in doing this before the Chequers discussion of the other day is resumed. Mr. Prior would like to be present.

Would you like Michael Alison to arrange for John Hume to see you in the House one evening when you are there?

Yes Mr.

A.J.C.

12 January 1984

B/F 16/1/84.

MR. ALISON

The Prime Minister has said that she would like to have a general talk with Mr. John Hume, MP some time this month. She would like to do this in the House one evening and would like the Northern Ireland Secretary to be present. Mr. Prior is aware of all this but will need to be told when the meeting is to be.

Could you kindly arrange?

A. J. C.

~~Sugar 6 00 pm. JPear's
Thurs. 19th ? do.~~

12 January 1984

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✓ Spoke to John Hume
This date OK

16th January 1984

The Prime Minister would welcome the chance of a talk with you and Jim Prior together. I am writing to ask whether you would be able to come to see her for a drink in her room at the House at 6.30 p.m. on Wednesday 1st February. Perhaps you would be kind enough to let me know if this is convenient for you by asking your secretary to ring mine, (Mrs Tessa Gaisman) on 930 433.

MICHAEL ALISON

John Hume Esq MP

MR. ALISON

I have arranged for John Hume and the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland to see the Prime Minister in her room at the House on Thursday 9 February at 1545 hours.

Would you like, as a matter of courtesy, to write to John Hume confirming this arrangement? Perhaps you might apologise for having to change his time from Wednesday, 1 February.

19 January 1984

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PRIME MINISTER'S MEETING WITH JOHN HUME
ON THURSDAY, 9 FEBRUARY

The Secretary of State for Northern Ireland is now unable to attend. John Coles is looking into the prospect of having another Northern Ireland Minister present. He may prefer to do the meeting alone.

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2 February 1984