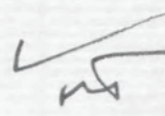


PRIME MINISTER

MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND OTHERS
AT 1130 ON FRIDAY 30 AUGUST

Attendance

Secretary of State for Northern Ireland
Mr. David Goodall (representing the Foreign Secretary)
Sir Robert Armstrong
Mr. Mallaby of the Cabinet Office - if you agree ✓
(he drafted the note below) 

Agenda

(i) Mr. Mallaby's note of 28 August seeking instructions for Sir Robert Armstrong's next round of talks with the Irish on 3 September (flag A): after asking participants whether they have any general comments on Mr. Mallaby's note, you might seek conclusions on the decision points in paragraphs 4-10 of the note. You will also want to confirm that you are generally content with other aspects of the draft communique.

(ii) Mr. Hurd's minute of 28 August about contingency plans for political strike in Northern Ireland (flag B): this does not seek decisions. It looks to be a thorough piece of contingency planning for an inevitably uncertain situation; but you may wish to ask Sir Robert Armstrong to arrange for it to be considered by interested departments e.g. in the CCW.

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N.L.J.

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29 August 1985