

Sir Robin Butler GCB  
Cabinet Office  
LONDON  
Whitehall

10 November 1993

Dear Sir Robin,

**MEETING OF BUTLER/NALLY GROUP**

I attach a new text from the Irish side which was conveyed to me, by special messenger from Mr O hUiginn, yesterday evening. I have underlined or sidelined the passages which have been added since the last Irish text (JD11).

I also attach a paper providing analysis and comment which I have prepared.

We shall presumably be told that this text has been adjusted in the light of discussion with, and/or amendments from, competent judges of Unionist opinion (eg Archbishop Eames). Ministers will wish to decide how seriously to (appear to) take this text, given on the one hand Mr Molyneaux's reaction to JD12 and, on the other, the signs that the Taoiseach's "obsession" with the peace process is such that a conclusive rejection is likely to make the Irish Government curmudgeonly on the Talks process itself.

A copy of this, with attachments, goes to Roderic Lyne and John Sawers as well as to Jonathan Stephens and others here.

Yours sincerely

(SIGNED)

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- Mr Cooke [7]
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