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LIAISON GROUP, LONDON, 14 OCTOBER

As agreed, I had a word today with Mr O'Donovan about arrangements for the Liaison Group meeting in London next Thursday, 14 October.

2. Mr O'Donovan acknowledged that they still did not have a document in writing to hand over to us, and were unlikely to have one by the time of the meeting. Accordingly, I asked him whether they expected to be in a position to have a worthwhile discussion, or whether they would prefer to postpone the Liaison Group meeting until they were in such a position. Mr O'Donovan was not sure how much political clearance Mr O hUiginn had been able to obtain, but promised to check this immediately. He confirmed that they did expect to be in a position to have a worthwhile discussion, going beyond what they had said at last week's Liaison Group.

3. Mr O'Donovan noted that I had said you were prepared to go on till 6.00 pm if necessary. He thought that that might be rather too late. It was more likely that they would wish to finish around 3.00 pm, or shortly after.

4. I hope to learn more about Dublin's plans and expectations for the meeting when I see Mr O'Donovan tomorrow, 13 October. However, it looks at least as though Liaison Group is definitely still on for Thursday, 14 October.

[signed]

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