

**Dermot Nally
Papers**

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Suggested Government line after meeting John Hume

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more great nationalist demands
 be more difficult it will be for us' = very important &
 sensitive.

The Taoiseach, Mr. Albert Reynolds, T.D., and the Tánaiste, Mr. Dick Spring,

T.D., this afternoon received from the leader of the SDLP, Mr. John Hume a verbal

as well as a written report on the progress of his discussions with the leader of Sinn

Féin, Mr. Gerry Adams.

3. *They put it to Br. Gov. too early, should
 pressure that they wait for a week ... " not extra
 to be over"*

The Taoiseach and the Tánaiste welcomed all genuine efforts to establish a basis

for lasting peace and a permanent cessation of violence which they regard as the

highest priority. They promised to consider carefully all the elements reported to

them. It would be their intention to take account of the report, in the course of

presenting proposals to the British Government.

They fully accept that a lasting political settlement can only be achieved on the

basis of the widest political participation, with the consent of the people of Ireland,

both North and South.

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*... we are now considering a very interesting report
 wh. JM has given us. It is well that we now
 be to consider to report its implications.*

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