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NORTHERN IRELAND: IRISH GOVERNMENT REACTIONS TO THE HUME/ADAMS TALKS

PLEASE INSERT CORRECTED PARA 5:-

5. MUCH PUBLICITY HAS BEEN GIVEN HERE TO A PRESS CONFERENCE BY GERRY ADAMS IN DUBLIN YESTERDAY EVENING. HE IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT 'A DECLARATION FROM THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT THAT THE IRISH PEOPLE AS A WHOLE HAD THE RIGHT TO A NATIONAL SELF-DETERMINATION COULD BE THE PRICE OF A FULL CESSATION OF IRA VIOLENCE'. UNIONISTS 'COULD NOT BE GIVEN A VETO....WE HAVE TO BRING ON BOARD THEIR FEARS WHETHER REAL, AND THEY ARE REAL IN SOME CASES, OR IMAGINARY. THE UNIONISTS POSITION CANNOT BE DIVORCED FROM THE UNION. WHAT WE HAVE GOT TO DO IS TO PERSUADE THE UNIONISTS THAT THEIR FUTURE LIES WITH THIS ISLAND'. 'WE MUST.....BRING ABOUT A DEMILITARISATION OF THE SITUATION'.

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