

cc.P.S. P.U.S.  
Mr Rickard  
Mr Cooke ✓  
Mr May

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Mr Beeton

We discussed briefly last week the probable need for a paper giving background to the J.D.I. This may be needed as a wider circle is brought to know of these matters. You have this in hand.

2. I also believe we may need an intelligence assessment to enable Ministers to make the best judgement possible of whether the J.D.I. is likely (if an agreed text is settled) to lead to a delivered cessation of violence; and whether the loyalists on these terms are likely to abandon their campaign. I should be grateful if Mr. Rickard could consider the possibilities.

3. We shall also probably need, and perhaps soon after the next Butler/Nally meeting (probably on Wednesday) a paper giving a rounded assessment of the J.D.I. I attach a first draft/outline. It cannot, of course, be completed until we have carried the issues further with the Irish side and, if it proves possible, settled a text. Nonetheless it would be helpful if you could meanwhile fill out the closing paragraphs of the draft on a contingency basis. (I am suggesting in a separate briefing letter for the Butler/Nally meeting that it should be one of our objectives to secure the assurances mentioned from the Taoiseach.)

Quentin Thomas  
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