

HANDLING PLAN

ANNEX A

Possible Amendments to JD.15

times that we have agreed the text of a Joint Declaration with the Irish Government (probably in Brussels)

1. Paragraph 3, line 3, after "of" insert "the island of". make a public statement very soon afterwards - probably in London on

2. Amend beginning of paragraph 4 to read:

3. "The Prime Minister reaffirms, on behalf of the British Government, that their concern is to uphold the democratic wishes of the people of Northern Ireland. On this basis he reiterates that they have no selfish strategic or economic interest in Northern Ireland. Consistent with this, ..." considers JD15 text.

3. Paragraph 4, line 16 delete "including a sovereign united Ireland". invited to give general authority for the proposed course of action.

4. Paragraph 4, line 20 on next page after "a" insert "sovereign". soon as practicable afterwards:
Paragraph 4, line 23 after "or" insert "equally".

4. Paragraph 12, penultimate line after "made" insert "their own".

(a) Prime Minister to see Mr Molynaux to show him
(b) SoSNI to arrange to see Mr Rume before Brussels.

4. Joint Declaration text agreed in Brussels.

[Irish Government will probably seek to ascertain reaction in wider nationalist community and gauge prospects for a cessation of violence.]