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PRIME MINISTER

NORTHERN IRELAND LATEST/MEETING WITH MOLYNEAUX

I attach the text from which Michael Ancram was working when he talked to James Molyneaux.

Molyneaux's main concern is still over the "as of right" sentence, in paragraph 4 and, particularly, the following sentence on self-determination.

Earlier this evening, the Irish came up with the idea of linking these two sentences, which would probably have solved the problem. However, they may now be sliding away from that offer.

Arrangements tomorrow

I have provisionally set up a meeting at 0930 with Michael Ancram, Robin Butler and possibly the Foreign Secretary to assess the situation and, perhaps, advise on the line you should take in the telephone call to Reynolds. Whether you should then ring Reynolds immediately or only after further contact between intermediaries is an open question. In their last call to Robin Butler, the Irish were still nit-picking over a number of points.

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