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Dear Prime Minister

The declared aim of the Anglo Irish Agreement as set forth by the SDLP and Dublin is now coming to fruition. The Anglo Irish Agreement, whatever it was to Her Majesty's Government, was to the nationalists a framework which could lead eventually to a united Ireland. This was stated over and over again by nationalists. At first Her Majesty's Government gave all sorts of assurances that the Union was not negotiable and that it was solely a matter for the British Government, the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the people of Northern Ireland, and that the internal affairs of Northern Ireland remained as heretofore the concern of the United Kingdom. Now all this has changed. You are sitting down at another in your series of meetings with Dublin where the Union is being negotiated. Your argument that you are forced to listen to what Dublin has to say proves what unionists have been saying since the Anglo Irish Agreement was signed - that the Agreement gave authority to a foreign government to meddle in the internal affairs and the future of a part of the United Kingdom.

Every time you sit at the table with the Dublin Premier you are weakening the Union by a public demonstration that Dublin has a say in Northern Ireland's place within the Union and how Northern Ireland as part of Her Majesty's Kingdom should be governed. No wonder there is such fear, frustration and bitter anger in Northern Ireland. No wonder instability is gathering such a head of steam. Now to add insult to injury Mr. Reynolds talks about renewed IRA activity as if the IRA had ceased from their violence. We brand Mr. Reynolds' threats as blackmail and we demand that you face up to him and destroy forever his notion that he has a united Ireland within his grasp.

Mr. Reynolds has said that as far as his illegal, immoral, and criminal claim set out in Articles Two and Three of the Republic's Constitution is concerned that it is not a matter for negotiation in his so called peace process. He insists, 'It [a referendum] could not be held until an overall settlement was agreed.' Dealing with Articles Two and Three cannot be consequent to a settlement, but must be the imperative prerequisite - it must come first. No promise from Dublin is trustworthy. They have already torn up all their agreements made since 1920 with the United Kingdom and in this grave hour their word has no standing whatsoever with the majority population of Northern Ireland.

Mr. Reynolds claims that you have agreed half of his peace deal. Why is it that the IRA/Adams/Hume peace proposals are not available for scrutiny by the people of Northern Ireland whom they concern, and why is it that the Reynolds' peace proposals are also being concealed by Mr. Reynolds and yourself. Have you agreed half of the Reynolds' peace deal? What is in that agreement? Are you also going to keep the Ulster people and their representatives in the dark? Why are you negotiating the other half which contains the vital matter of Ulster's constitutional position within the United Kingdom? If you rejected that half in Dublin then why is it to be re-run in Brussels and in future meetings? Do you not realise what this is doing in the mind and hearts and attitudes of the Ulster loyalist people? Why do you not consult with your security chiefs and realistically face up to what they are saying about the ability of counter-IRA terror groups to stage an horrendous backlash?



You have it in your power to avoid such a catastrophe. Why go down the road of disaster at the behest of Mr. Reynolds? Why not heed the heart cry of the vast majority of Ulster people who have obeyed the law and sacrificially given themselves in the defence and for the establishment of peace on the basis of purity and righteousness?

Again we say to you - quit negotiating the Union with Ulster's enemies. Cease from covert talks with IRA men of blood. Stand up in defence of the United Kingdom of which you are Prime Minister and thus dispel the dread and gloom that encircles Ulster at this time. You have it in your power to save the situation from a deterioration unimaginable. Time is not on your side. We pray God that you see your duty and do it.

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