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4 December 1993

From the Private Secretary

I enclose a copy of a letter which the Prime Minister has received from the Reverend Ian Paisley MP.

I should be grateful if you would provide a draft reply for the Prime Minister's signature, to reach this office by 9 December.

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Rt. Hon. John Major, M.P.,
Prime Minister
10 Downing Street,
London SW1.

Prime Minister,

The internal affairs of Northern Ireland as an integral part of the United Kingdom is not yours either to jettison or to share with the Dublin Government or the people of the Irish Republic.

The people are under no illusion about why you are in Dublin with your Foreign Secretary Mr. Hurd, (one of the principal architects of that act of treachery the Anglo Irish diktat), the lying Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, and your officials who were busily engaged in planning and talking to the IRA even when those bloody monsters were engaged in carrying out the atrocities of Warrington, London, and a series of other murders culminating in the Shankill massacre. This list indicts you for what you really are. Your eulogies of the security forces came ill from your lips when at the same time you were engaged in official talks with those responsible for such crimes.

Your affirmation of your stomach turning over at the thought of such talks with Gerry Adams was the most atrocious hypocrisy and an abominable lie.

You have elevated and accredited the IRA on to the plane of respectability, by officially talking to, and negotiating with, them. Having sought to cover your tracks of treachery with a web of deceit, so glaringly false (though claimed by you and the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland to be accurate) it could not hold together for three days, you are now in Dublin to make good your surrender to Reynolds, that only your Government together with his can take an initiative on Northern Ireland.

We have already, in the letter I delivered to you in Downing Street, stated:-

If your policy is to provide a chair at a negotiating table for Sinn Fein, to undermine the unrestricted right of self-determination of the people of Northern Ireland, and to highlight a willingness for military withdrawal, then there is no peace, justice or democracy at the end of such a process. You would have discarded your duty and your authority. In your own words after the Brussels summit you indicated that, "any new initiative can come about only by the two Governments."



If that is so, you no longer have political competence without Dublin approval. We ask you for just government but what you are really saying is that HMG alone will no longer govern Northern Ireland. It must instead be partnership government with Dublin.

You may think that just as your predecessor was able to take the first major step to Ulster's destruction without passing an Act of Parliament, you will be able to complete the treachery without resistance, if not today then eventually.

Don't be under any such illusion. The Unionist population has now seen the results of the Diktat. They have been isolated and alienated in their own part of the United Kingdom. There is a resentment and bitterness now in the soul of Ulster which I have warned you about face to face. This could bring the most terrible consequences. You are seeking to make unionists rebels in their own Kingdom and a helpless minority in your all-Ireland plan for a so-called settlement. Their only unpardonable crime is loyalty in your and your government's eyes. Attempts have been made, against all protocol, to put Mrs. Mary Robinson, President of the Irish Republic, on a par in Ulster with Her Majesty the Queen. The said lady was happy to take Gerry Adams' bloody hand on her visit to Belfast. Portraits of our Queen, however, are banned from the work place under legislation flowing from the Anglo Irish diktat.

The Ulster people are not going to lie down and capitulate to your Dublin plan easily. Nor will they capitulate to the IRA. They have seen 80% of the Protestant population disappear from the South and they know what they can expect in a Dublin take-over. They have given their sons, daughters, fathers and mothers in the sacrifice. They cannot and will not do sacrilege to their shed blood as you do by your scheme of sell out. Take care! You can goad the unionist people just too much and then your harvest will come.

The security forces know only too well the frightening capability of paramilitaries on both sides to inflict enormous violence and bloodshed. I have to tell you that should you proceed along the path dictated by Dublin and the Hume/Adams process you will be responsible for the conflagration that will inevitably ensue.

Desist immediately from the disastrous course you are on. Face Dublin with its unlawful, immoral and criminal claim over this part of Her Majesty's territory. Bode no interference by Dublin in Ulster's internal affairs. Let the Ulster people themselves elect their representatives to negotiate among themselves how Northern Ireland can be best governed. When that is agreed and approved by the Ulster people, then whatever relationships our Ulster government will have with its neighbours in the Republic can be resolved. You should have no truck with the men of blood. They have forfeited all right to negotiate Ulster's future within the United Kingdom.

No Jesuitical form of words can bridge the unbridgeable gulf between Ulster Unionism and Irish Nationalism. A formula which claims to do so is a sham and a lie, and is in reality the blueprint for Ulster's betrayal. The Ulster people will not be fooled. You may think they will be, but your disillusionment will be the drinking of the cup of the vintage of political destruction.

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