

MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER, AT 10 DOWNING STREET, 11.2.92.

Present: J Major, T King, P Brooke, B Mawhinney, J Chilcott + others. J Molyneaux, J Hume, I Paisley, J Alderdice

Introduction from the PM. Thriving of terrorism on division.  
What can we do together -

Security + Politics - increase the unacceptability of terrorism  
- additional troops have been sent ('more than you expected')  
- RUC recruitment (100 so far)  
- the importance of talks on a political accommodation (recommitment)

J Molyneaux argues for new AIA and removal of Arts 2 & 3

J Hume reiterates his 'analysis'

J Alderdice - violence is politically motivated  
- solution needs cooperation on political and security level (repressive measures are the opposite of cooperation between the community and the security forces and will reduce intelligence)  
- solution will require commitment, which means resources for security and a time commitment on politics.

I Paisley rejects the analysis, spends five minutes telling the PM why he should not have invited JA, (wants Kilfedder), would go for Independence if no better outcome, failed security policy (gives file), opposition to RIR (TK disagrees), insists that he is speaking for the protestant people of NI.

PM sums up -

- we all agree on opposition to terrorism
- we all support RUC in dealing with terrorism
- prepared to give resources to security forces
- Govt is committed to staying in NI (No Brits Out)
- institutionalizing of meeting of 2 PM's (knows Reynolds, they were both Finance Ministers. He has spoken to him by phone.)
- this is not a one-off meeting
- Maastricht + extradition
- picked up my comment on speaking out and informing on terrorists
- reconvening of talks

Reached agreement on joint statement, though Paisley was clearly not at all keen on this, and on the photographs etc.