## SECRET and PERSONAL Covering "FOR UK EYES ONLY"

FROM Q J TH

Q J THOMAS, DUS(L) 20 October 1993 DUSL/MR/42631

MR COOKE-[1] - GMINES Marie

APril

cc PS/PUS(L)-[2]\*

Mr Beeton-[3]

File copy-[4 of 4 copies]

\*without enc.ID/42616

## JDI: ASSESSMENT OF UNIONIST REACTION

Although I will not, unless PUS thinks it right to do so, give it a wider circulation I thought you and Mr Beeton should have a copy of the attached paper.

- 2. I prepared it this morning at PUS's invitation so that Sir Robin Butler could show it to the Taoiseach (though he is not to retain it) to provide supporting evidence for the judgement Ministers have reached.
- 3. I believe Sir Robin may also show the Taoiseach on the same basis a copy of the sanitised assessment of the Provisionals' reactions: that is the version that was shown to Mr Molyneaux. (I understand incidentally that what Mr Molyneaux was shown was somewhat briefer than what we sent to No.10 under cover of Mr Stephens letter of 18 October. In particular paragraph 9 of that assessment was omitted.)

[SIGNED]

Q J THOMAS 20 October 1993 OAB 6447

SECRET and PERSONAL Covering "FOR UK EYES ONLY"