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OF 302223Z SEPTEMBER 93
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FROM PRIVATE SECRETARY

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DUBLIN (PERSONAL FOR AMBASSADOR ONLY)

UNGA 48 : FOREIGN SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH THE IRISH FOREIGN
MINISTER, 30 SEPTEMBER.

SUMMARY

1. BRIEF EXCHANGE ON THE HUME/ADAMS INITIATIVE. SPRING EAGER THAT
ANY OPPORTUNITY TO END THE VIOLENCE SHOULD BE SEIZED.

DETAIL

2. THE IRISH FOREIGN MINISTER PAID A 15 MINUTE CALL ON THE FOREIGN
SECRETARY TODAY AT HIS REQUEST. HE SAID THE TAOISEACH'S INITIATIVE
WAS THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR 25 YEARS TO BRING THE VIOLENCE TO AN
END. HUME WOULD BE RETURNING TO DUBLIN FROM WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK
FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS. HE WAS KEEN TO HEAR HOW THE FOREIGN
SECRETARY SAW THINGS BEFORE HAND.

3. THE FOREIGN SECRETARY SAID THE HUME/ADAMS TALKS HAD PUT
EVERYONE ON ALERT. HE THOUGHT THAT THE IRISH GOVERNMENT'S PUBLIC
REACTIONS WERE WELL-JUDGED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THIS. THE IDEA OF A
JOINT DECLARATION WAS THE RIGHT ROUTE AND WE WOULD LIKE IT TO BEAR
FRUIT. INEVITABLY, THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WERE MORE CAUTIOUS THAN
THE IRISH AS THERE WERE SOME PHRASES AND FORMULATIONS WE COULD NOT
ACCEPT. HE KNEW THE PRIME MINISTER AND SIR PATRICK MAYHEW WOULD
SEARCH FOR WAYS IN WHICH WE COULD SAY THINGS TOGETHER. HE INTENDED
TO REMAIN INVOLVED HIMSELF. HE EMPHASISED THAT THERE WAS NO
INTENTION ON HMG'S PART TO SIT BACK AND CLAIM THAT NOTHING COULD BE
DONE. HE AND HIS COLLEAGUES HAD SAID NOTHING TO THE UNIONISTS
WHICH WOULD TIE HMG'S HANDS. ONE DIFFICULTY WAS THAT THE
INITIATIVE WAS MORE LIKELY TO SUCCEED THE LESS IT WAS DRIVEN BY
HUME AND ADAMS. THAT COMBINATION WOULD NOT ATTRACT THE NECESSARY
SUPPORT.

4. SPRING AGREED, BUT DESCRIBED KEN MACGUINNESS' REACTIONS TO
HUME/ADAMS AS REASONABLE. THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE GOVERNMENT TO
GOVERNMENT CONTACTS IF THERE WERE TO BE AN AGREED STATEMENT. THERE
WOULD BE AN IGC IN MID OCTOBER AND AN ANGLO-IRISH SUMMIT IN
DECEMBER. HE THOUGHT THE QUESTION OF A STATEMENT WOULD COME TO A
HEAD IN LATE OCTOBER. THE IRISH GOVERNMENT HAD TRIED TO AVOID
EMBARRASSMENT IN BRITAIN DURING THE PARTY CONFERENCE SEASON. HE
REPEATED THE IRISH GOVERNMENT'S EAGERNESS THAT THE OPPORTUNITY TO
END VIOLENCE SHOULD BE SEIZED. IF IT WERE NOT, THEN THE TWO
GOVERNMENTS WOULD HAVE TO FOLLOW THE SAME ROUTE IN TWENTY YEARS
TIME.

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