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Taoiseach,

Cabinet Secretary Butler phoned me in London yesterday, following the recent exchange of correspondence.

He said he wanted to emphasise that, although their position was not changed, that does not mean that they are not still in business. The present word was not the final word. In fact "we were still very much in business". They desperately want to "get something" which has the maximum chance of working. In particular, they do not want to rouse the others to a dangerous pitch.

They would hope to be in a position to clarify things more towards the end of this week or perhaps by the middle of next week - and he would be in touch again through the usual channels.

In reply to an enquiry, Butler said that the Prime Minister would be seeing Eames later this week.



Dermot Nally,
16 November, 1993.

c.c. Secretary Dorr & Assistant Secretary O'hUiginn, Department of Foreign Affairs.
Secretary to the Government, Mr. Frank Murray.
Dr. Martin Mansergh.