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PRIME MINISTER

MEETING AT ABOUT 1145 ON NORTHERN IRELAND

(Sir Robin Butler and ~~John Chilcote~~ Sir P. Mayhew.)

i. Structure of Meeting

- Bilateral between you and Taoiseach from 11 am. ✓
- Lunch for both Ministerial teams. ✓
- ?Possible drafting session between officials over lunchtime. EC, ✓
- Afternoon talks: bilateral or full teams? ✓
- Press Conference: joint? ✓

ii. Main Points of Disagreement

- Self determination formula? X ✓
 - Explicit inclusion of consent principle. ✓
 - Pressure on UK to join the "persuaders"? ("Value of a United Ireland"). X
 - Irish Convention. OUT ✓
 - UK 3 month fire break offer. ✓
- Articles II & IV
Coast. Gftee

iii. Negotiating Tactics and Documents

- When will negotiations on the text occur? Will Reynolds try to bounce points through in the bilateral? What line should PM take in the bilateral? ✓
- Division of labour between PM, Sir P Mayhew, D Hurd? Can we work on Spring? ✓
- Our line on the British text. ✓
- Accept Irish draft Joint Declaration as the basic negotiating text? ✓
- NIO to prepare (for PM's use, not transmission?) a single composite negotiating text, importing language suggested by Molyneaux and amendments of British text into Irish Joint Declaration? ✓

iv. Talks Process

- Can we say anything about Strand One in public today or tomorrow?
- Points to make to the Irish during the meeting.

Refer.???

v. Where do we want to end up?

- Not full agreement. Do not want signature in Dublin. Need time for further consultation, probably on both sides. ✓
- Agreement to continue work on outstanding differences: a Butler/Nally meeting before Brussels Council? || ✓
- Message through background briefing to the Unionists: stood firm against Irish manoeuvres? ||

vi. Other action today

- Any need to consult/reassure Molyneaux before the meeting? || ✓
- Sensitive message.

Molyneaux circled in red with an arrow pointing to "who?"

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