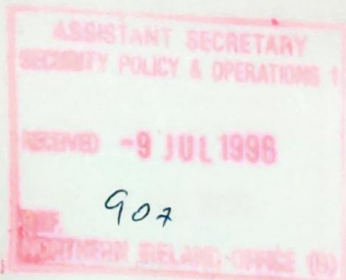


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CONVERSATION WITH SEAN O hUIGINN, 5 JULY

The Minister was grateful for a copy of your note of 8 July following your meeting with Sean O hUigin on 5 July. The Minister has commented as follows:

"I fear that this reflects the mood of a man who has been reactive rather than proactive at the Talks, the latter role being taken up by HMG. This general girth is I suspect not only a reflection of a naturally gloomy disposition but also covers the feeling of impotency which seems to have overtaken our Irish colleagues."

(Signed):

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