

From : Alex Allan
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JOHN HOLMES ✓

*Agreed that
Party Chairman should
see Daly + Eames, armed
with letters to them both
from the PM (done).*

John 18/7.

NORTHERN IRELAND

The Prime Minister had a long session over in the House after the vote tonight with the Party Chairman and Chief Whip.

One point raised by the Party Chairman was Northern Ireland. He said that his contacts in Sinn Fein (?) told him that they had been speaking to Cardinal Daly, who had indicated that he would welcome a discussion with the Party Chairman if he was in the Province. The Party Chairman was therefore proposing to go to Northern Ireland and to arrange meetings with Daly and Eames.

The Prime Minister said he had agreed to discuss this with the Northern Ireland Secretary. Can I leave you to take this forward? The Prime Minister would no doubt be able to give you more background. I imagine you, like me, will be pretty suspicious.

Alex

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