

Prime Minister

I spoke to John Hume (hr) afternoon to
try to clarify all this **CONFIDENTIAL**
See my letter to the NIO attached.
He is all over the place.

John 4/12.

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PRIME MINISTER

Notes of a meeting with John Hume at the House of Commons, on Tuesday,
3rd December at 11.15 pm.

Hume urged the Prime Minister to accept his analysis. Two orders of play were discussed.

A. 1) Ceasefire next week

2) Government would speedily meet Sinn Fein at:
3) official 2) ministerial level

3) IRA would stop activities on the ground between now and Xmas

4) Mitchell reconvenes talks.

B. 1) Talks at official level then ministerial level with Sinn Fein.

2) Government receives assurances from Sinn Fein.

3) Sinn Fein talks to other parties.

I missed the rest of the discussion while I voted.

