

# Withdrawal/Redaction Sheet

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REF: LONDON 1995 (NOTAL)  
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2. ON FEBRUARY 7, ALBERT REYNOLDS AND SDLP LEADER JOHN HUME WERE HONORED AS JOINT WINNERS OF THE "EUROPEAN OF YEAR" AWARD, WHICH IS PRESENTED ANNUALLY BY THE IRISH COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN MOVEMENT. IN THEIR ACCEPTANCE REMARKS, BOTH REYNOLDS AND HUME PLACED THE CURRENT PEACE INITIATIVE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND IN THE CONTEXT OF EUROPEAN UNION. HUME CALLED THE POST-WORLD WAR II MOVE TOWARD EUROPEAN UNION "THE GREATEST EXAMPLE OF CONFLICT RESOLUTION IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD." HE POINTED OUT THAT TRANSNATIONAL EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS HAD PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN ASSUAGING CONFLICT IN EUROPE.  
3. REYNOLDS REMARKED THAT EUROPE PROVIDES "A HELPFUL FRAMEWORK" FOR RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN IRELAND PROBLEM AND HE WELCOMED EU PRESIDENT JACQUES DELORS' SUPPORT FOR THE DOWNING STREET JOINT DECLARATION. APPARENTLY REFERRING TO THE PROPOSAL RECENTLY PROVIDED BY NORTHERN IRELAND SECRETARY OF STATE SIR PATRICK MAYHEW TO THE GOI, HE SAID THE POLITICAL TALKS PROCESS "HAS LONG BEEN TRIED IN ANOTHER CONTEXT AMONG THE CONSTITUTIONAL PARTIES WITH LITTLE SIGN SO FAR OF SUCCESS." HE ARGUED THAT "IF WE DO NOT STICK FIRMLY TO THE CENTRAL ISSUE OF THE DECLARATION, ALL HOPE OF

PEACE WILL SINK INTO A MORASS OF SIDE ISSUES THAT CAN ONLY BE PROPERLY RESOLVED IN ALL-ROUND NEGOTIATION, AFTER VIOLENCE HAS ENDED."

4. REYNOLDS SET OUT THE NEXT STEPS FOLLOWING A PERMANENT CESSATION OF VIOLENCE. THEY ARE:

-- THE FORUM FOR PEACE AND RECONCILIATION TO BE ESTABLISHED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE;

-- EXPLORATORY DIALOGUE WITHIN THREE MONTHS TO COVER BOTH SECURITY QUESTIONS AND FULL PARTICIPATION IN BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS;

-- THE PROCESS OF DEMILITARIZATION TO BEGIN.

5. REYNOLDS CONCLUDED HIS REMARKS, BY STATING THAT "MAKING A COMMITMENT TO PEACE SOON IS NOW THE TEST OF TRUE IRISH PATRIOTISM AND TRUE REPUBLICANISM.... WE ALL EARNESTLY HOPE THAT THE REPUBLICAN MOVEMENT WILL MAKE THE ENLIGHTENED DECISION TO TAKE THE FIRST STEP ON THE ROAD TO PEACE."

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UNCLAS BELFAST 0091  
E.O. 12356: N/A  
TAGS: PGOV, PREL, UK, EI  
SUBJECT: MAJOR APPEALS TO SINN FEIN TO ACCEPT DECLARATION  
1. SUMMARY: IN AN "EXCLUSIVE" ARTICLE PUBLISHED IN THE "IRISH NEWS" OF FEBRUARY 25, PRIME MINISTER JOHN MAJOR MADE A STRONG AND POSITIVE PLEA TO SINN FEIN TO ACCEPT THE DOWNING STREET DECLARATION AND STOP ITS CAMPAIGN OF VIOLENCE. HE SET OUT IN SOME DETAIL MANY OF THE TERMS OF THE DECLARATION, AND ADDRESSED OTHER ISSUES OF DIRECT IMPORT TO SINN FEIN. AS THE EDITORIAL COMMENT IN THE PAPER POINTED OUT, SINN FEIN CANNOT NOW SAY THAT THE DECLARATION HAS NOT BEEN CLARIFIED. END SUMMARY.  
2. THE PRIME MINISTERS STATEMENT, DESCRIBED IN THE PAPERS EDITORIAL AS "COUCHED IN THE LANGUAGE OF FRIENDSHIP AND RECONCILIATION", WAS CLEARLY INTENDED AS A GESTURE OF PERSUASION AND A TOPIC OF DEBATE ON THE EVE OF THE SINN FEIN CONFERENCE (ARD-FHEIS). MAJOR CAST THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT IN THE ROLE OF FACILITATOR, WHICH WAS COMMITTED TO WORK WITH ALL PARTIES INVOLVED TO ACHIEVE A SETTLEMENT. HOWEVER, HE EMPHASIZED THAT THE SETTLEMENT ITSELF WOULD BE A MATTER FOR THE PEOPLE OF IRELAND ONLY. ONE OF THE POSSIBLE SETTLEMENTS WAS A UNITED IRELAND; AGAIN, THAT WAS AN ISSUE FOR THE PEOPLE THEMSELVES TO DECIDE. THE CENTRAL PRINCIPLES, HE STATED, WERE "DEMOCRACY AND AN ABSENCE OF COERCION - IN OTHER WORDS CONSENT, NO OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE AND AN END TO VIOLENCE." IF SINN FEIN RENOUNCED VIOLENCE, MAJOR SPELLED OUT THE ADVANTAGES. THERE WOULD BE NO NEED FOR CONTINUING EMERGENCY LEGISLATION, THE ARMY COULD WITHDRAW AND SINN FEIN WOULD ENJOY "NORMAL POLITICAL LIFE." HE URGED THE PARTY TO STOP "LIVING IN THE PAST", ACKNOWLEDGING THAT "DREADFUL DEEDS HAVE BEEN DONE BY ALL SIDES" BUT "OUR GENERATION MUST LOOK TO THE FUTURE."  
3. ALTHOUGH HE INSISTED THAT "...NO-ONE..CAN CREDIBLY ARGUE THAT (THE DECLARATION) IS NOT PROPERLY UNDERSTOOD", HE NEVERTHELESS WENT ON TO REITERATE AND DEFINE SOME OF ITS

TERMS. HE DESCRIBED THE DECLARATION AS A "FOUNDATION STONE" UPON WHICH THE BASIS FOR PEACE COULD BE BUILT. IT WAS NOT MEANT TO BE A PEACE PLAN. THIS, HE SAID, SHOULD CLARIFY ANY QUESTION SINN FEIN MAY HAVE ABOUT HOW IT FITS INTO THE "PEACE PROCESS." HE SAID "IT CERTAINLY ISNT A SOLUTION ON ITS OWN." THIS IS IMPORTANT, AS THE EDITORIAL POINTS OUT, BECAUSE IT MEANS THAT SINN FEIN CAN PLAY A "FULL AND UNFETTERED PART IN THE DEBATE WHICH LEADS TO THAT AGREED OUTCOME."

4. MR. MAJOR SAID THAT THE ISSUE OF SELF-DETERMINATION AS DESCRIBED IN THE DECLARATION HAD BEEN "MISREPRESENTED." HE SAID HE WISHED TO REPEAT WHAT WAS INTENDED. FIRSTLY, THE SENTENCE THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT "...HAS NO...SELFISH, STRATEGIC OR ECONOMIC INTEREST IN NORTHERN IRELAND" DID NOT MEAN THAT THEY DID NOT CARE ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE PROVINCE, RATHER, THAT THEY HAVE NO WISH TO FRUSTRATE THE "DEMOCRATICALLY EXPRESSED WISHES OF THE PEOPLE." THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WOULD ABIDE BY THE WISHES OF THE PEOPLE. IF THE MAJORITY WISHED TO REMAIN WITHIN THE UNITED KINGDOM, "...WE SHALL UPHOLD THEIR RIGHT TO DO SO." SECONDLY, THE PRIMARY CONCERN OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WAS TO HELP ACHIEVE "PEACE, STABILITY AND RECONCILIATION..AMONG ALL THE PEOPLE WHO INHABIT THE ISLAND." THE END RESULT OF THIS PROCESS MAY BE A UNITED IRELAND, BUT IT COULD ONLY COME ABOUT "BY CONSENT NOT IMPOSITION." THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO CAN DECIDE THE END RESULT ARE THE PEOPLE OF THE "...ISLAND OF IRELAND ALONE." THEY MAY WISH TO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION TO BRING ABOUT A UNITED IRELAND BUT ONLY "ON THE BASIS OF CONSENT, FREELY AND CONCURRENTLY GIVEN, NORTH AND SOUTH.." THIRDLY, THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WOULD INTRODUCE THE NECESSARY LEGISLATION TO GIVE FULL EFFECT TO WHATEVER AGREED SOLUTION PREVAILS.

5. MAJOR MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT TAKE ON THE ROLE OF "PERSUADER" OF THE UNIONIST PEOPLE TO JOIN A UNITED IRELAND, AS SINN FEIN HAS CALLED UPON IT TO DO. HE SAID "IT IS NOT THE GOVERNMENTS JOB TO TELL THE IRISH PEOPLE WHAT THEY SHOULD THINK, OR TO DICTATE TO THEM WHERE THEIR FUTURE SHOULD LIE." IN THIS, HE SAID, HE HAD THE BACKING OF THE TAOISEACH, WHO, HAD "...PUBLICLY OPPOSED SUCH COERCION."

6. MR. MAJOR SET A COMPREHENSIVE AGENDA FOR SINN FEIN SHOULD THE PARTY VOTE TO ACCEPT THE DECLARATION AND RENOUNCE VIOLENCE. WITHIN THREE MONTHS OF AN END TO VIOLENCE, "EXPLORATORY" DIALOGUE COULD BEGIN, AS TO HOW SINN FEIN COULD BECOME INVOLVED IN THE THREE-STRANDED POLITICAL TALKS, AND HOW THEY COULD BE INTRODUCED TO "NORMAL POLITICAL LIFE". THE PARTY COULD THEN BECOME INVOLVED IN "NORMAL POLITICAL DIALOGUE", IN SUCH ISSUES AS "EDUCATION, HOUSING, HEALTH CARE, CRIME AND FAIR EMPLOYMENT." HOWEVEG, HE STRESSED, THE PEACE PROCESS WOULD CONTINUE ALONG THE LINES OF THE THREE-STRANDED TALKS WITH OR WITHOUT SINN FEIN. "THEY CANT HOLD THE TALKS UP."

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**TEXT:**

UNCLAS SECTION 01 OF 02 BELFAST 0117  
E.O. 12356: N/A  
TAGS: PGOV, PREL, UK, EI  
SUBJECT: IRISH PRIME MINISTER COMMITTED TO THE PEACE PROCESS  
1. SUMMARY: IN A WIDE-RANGING INTERVIEW WITH THE BELFAST "IRISH NEWS" ON MARCH 14, IRISH PRIME MINISTER ALBERT REYNOLDS SPOKE ABOUT THE DOWNING STREET DECLARATION, HIS HOPES FOR A POSITIVE REPUBLICAN RESPONSE TO IT, HIS FEELINGS TOWARDS UNIONISTS, AND HIS OPTIMISTIC FORECASTS FOR THE ISLAND OF IRELAND IN THE EVENT OF AN AGREEMENT. END SUMMARY.  
2. REYNOLDS DESCRIBED THE BACKGROUND TO THE DOWNING STREET DECLARATION. HE SAID THAT THE TWO PRIME MINISTERS HAD STARTED OUT ON THE PREMISE "WE ARE NOT GOING TO CONDEMN ANOTHER GENERATION IN NORTHERN IRELAND TO SUFFER WHAT THIS GENERATION HAS HAD TO SUFFER." HE SAID HE HAD ASKED JOHN MAJOR TO START BY RE-ENACTING SOME OF THE CLAUSES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND ACT OF 1920 WHICH HAD NEVER BEEN IMPLEMENTED. ONE HAD BEEN PROVISION FOR A COUNCIL OF IRELAND, ANOTHER WAS AN EVOLUTIONARY PROCESS IN AREAS OF COMMON INTEREST. REYNOLDS SAID THAT MANY PROVISIONS CONTAINED WITHIN THE DECLARATION HAD IN FACT BEEN BASED ON THE 1920 ACT.  
3. THE PRIME MINISTER DECLARED HIMSELF "CAUTIOUSLY HOPEFUL" THAT GIVEN "...A RATIONAL CONSIDERATION BY SENSIBLE PEOPLE USING COMMON SENSE AND PRAGMATISM..", THE REPUBLICAN ANSWER TO THE DECLARATION WOULD BE POSITIVE. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THE REPUBLICAN CAUSE WAS "A LEGITIMATE OBJECTIVE" AND STATED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO RETURN TO THE DAYS OF STORMONT WITH "ONE COMMUNITY DOMINATING ANOTHER...THAT DAY HAS GONE AND CAN NEVER RETURN AGAIN." AT THE SAME TIME, BY ITS ADHERENCE TO THE DECLARATION, THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT "...ARE SAYING THINGS THEYVE NEVER SAID BEFORE. THEYVE COME A LONG, LONG WAY." MR. REYNOLDS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT REPUBLICANS ARE CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN DEBATE OVER THE DECLARATION AND SAID HE DID NOT BELIEVE IN "SPECIFIC DEADLINES" FOR "...A CONFLICT THAT HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR CENTURIES (COULD BE) WRAPPED UP AND PUT AWAY..IN A MATTER OF WEEKS." HOWEVER, HE MAINTAINED THAT

THERE WAS VERY LITTLE LEFT IN THE DECLARATION "...TO BE CLARIFIED." HE POINTED OUT THAT BOTH HE AND SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAD MADE EXTENSIVE CLARIFICATIONS OF THE DECLARATION, AND THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAD NEVER REBUTTED ANY OF THE CLARIFICATION HE HAD MADE. HE EMPHASIZED THAT IT WAS NOT IMPORTANT THAT REPUBLICANS AND LOYALISTS SUBSCRIBE "...TO EVERY SINGLE WORD AND PHRASE THAT IS IN THE DECLARATION." RATHER, THE DECLARATION SHOULD BE " THE VEHICLE FOR A CESSATION OF VIOLENCE."

4. MR. REYNOLDS SAID THE DECLARATION WOULD BE THE FIRST STEP OF A PROCESS. THE SECOND STEP WOULD BE THE SETTING UP OF A "FORUM FOR PEACE AND RECONCILIATION", AT WHICH THE PARTIES COULD GET TOGETHER ROUND A TABLE AND "BUILD A NEW TRUST BETWEEN THE TWO COMMUNITIES.." HE SAID HE HOPED THAT IN TIME, THE UNIONISTS WOULD COME ABOARD AFTER THE "HEAT OF THE ELECTORAL PROCESS.." (THE EUROPEAN ELECTIONS WHICH TAKE PLACE IN JUNE.) THE THREE-STRANDED TALKS PROCESS WAS THE BASIS UPON WHICH ANY NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE BUILT. QUESTIONED ABOUT ULSTER UNIONIST LEADER JAMES MOLYNEAUXS RECENT STATEMENT THAT HIS PARTY WAS NOT INTERESTED IN CONTINUING WITH THE THREE-STRANDED PROCESS, REYNOLDS SAID HE WOULD ASK THE UNIONISTS "...WHO IS AFRAID OF PEACE?..IS IT BECAUSE WE ALL HAVE TO CHANGE? IS IT BECAUSE THE FUTURE IS GOING TO HAVE TO BE DIFFERENT?..WE ARE NOT. WE CERTAINLY ARE PREPARED TO LAY OUT A FUTURE FOR AN AGREED IRELAND AND THAT IS WHAT WE WANT EVERYBODY ELSE TO DO." HE SAID HE HOPED UNIONIST OPPOSITION TO THE TALKS WAS "NO MORE THAN ELECTORAL TALK...THE REALITY IS THAT THE SILENT SUPPORT THAT IS THERE FROM THE UNIONIST POPULATION FOR THE DOWNING STREET DECLARATION."

UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 02 BELFAST 0117

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SUBJECT: IRISH PRIME MINISTER COMMITTED TO THE PEACE PROCESS

5. REYNOLDS SAID HE BELIEVED THERE WAS WIDESPREAD SUPPORT FOR THE DECLARATION AND, MORE GENERALLY, FOR HIM, AMONG UNIONIST OPINION IN NORTHERN IRELAND. HE SAID HE HAD MADE IT CLEAR THAT "I TRY O BUILD TRUST." HE MAINTAINED HE COMMANDED MUCH SUPPORT AMONG THE UNIONIST COMMUNITY, WHO, HE SAID RECOGNIZED THAT "THERE IS AN HISTORIC MOMENT HERE." MANY UNIONISTS, HE SAID, HOPED FOR A MORE "ENLIGHTENED LEADERSHIP" WITHIN THEIR OWN PARTY. REYNOLDS STATED THAT UNIONISTS "...HAVE A HUGE CONTRIBUTION TO MAKE TO THE OVERALL DEVELOPMENT OF THE ISLAND OF IRELAND. (THEY) ARE "VERY GOOD, SHARP, SOLID BUSINESS PEOPLE.." WHO WOULD BE INDISPENSABLE TO FUTURE ECONOMIC REGENERATION IN THE ISLAND AS A WHOLE. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THEIR FEARS AND SUSPICIONS - THEY FEEL THEY ARE A COMMUNITY UNDER SIEGE AND THE "...TRADITIONAL WAY TO BREAK OUT OF THAT SIEGE IS TO GO OUT AND MURDER SOME CATHOLICS..." HE SAID THE DECLARATION MADE CLEAR THAT MAJORITY CONSENT IS VITAL FOR ANY POLITICAL CHANGE, HOWEVER NO PARTY HAS POWER OF VETO ON POLITICAL PROGRESS. UNIONISTS HAD SHOWN GREAT LEADERSHIP AFTER THE DOWNING STREET DECLARATION AND HE SAID SUCH LEADERSHIP WAS REQUIRED NOW. AFTER ALL, HE MAINTAINED, UNIONISTS HAD GOT WHAT THEY LONG SOUGHT; "I HAVE SAID WE WILL LOOK AT THE CONSTITUTIONAL POSITION IF WE CAN GET AN ACCOMODATION THATS AGREED BETWEEN ALL THE

PARTIES AND WELL PUT IT TO THE IRISH PEOPLE."  
6. REYNOLDS CONCLUDED BY PAINTING AN OPTIMISTIC PICTURE OF  
THE FUTURE SHOULD AN ACCOMODATION BE REACHED. HE  
SUGGESTED THAT MANY PEOPLE INTERNATIONALLY WOULD "DEARLY  
LOVE TO MAKE A SERIOUS CONTRIBUTION" TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT  
THE PROBLEMS OF NORTHERN IRELAND. HE HAD, HE SAID, SPOKEN  
TO EUROPEAN HEADS OF GOVERNMENT. HE SAID "JACQUES DELORS  
MADE IT QUITE CLEAR THAT THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION STAND  
READY AND WAITING TO PUT A PACKAGE OF RECONSTRUCTION TO  
IMPROVE THE LOT OF THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE SUFFERED MOST. IF  
WE HAD PEACE IN IRELAND IT WOULD SURPRISE A LOT OF PEOPLE  
THE SORT OF PACKAGES THAT COULD BE PUT TOGETHER.."  
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