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Oifig an Taoisigh  
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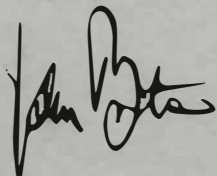
Mr. Gerry Adams,  
President,  
Sinn Fein.

Dear Gerry,

I have your letter about an early meeting between us and the proposals you sent me with it. I am happy to meet you and I understand this meeting has now been fixed for 4.00 pm tomorrow, here in Government Buildings.

The Tánaiste made clear the Government's position on these proposals at his meeting with Martin McGuinness on 11 October. I will be happy to elaborate on any points which you may wish to raise in this regard.

Yours sincerely,



Taoiseach.



# GERRY ADAMS

President of Sinn Féin

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An Taoiseach

John Bruton

30 Oct 1995

A Chara,

Find enclosed the joint propositions which John Hume and I had worked on. As you are aware it was our intention to present these to you formally at the joint meeting we were seeking for the 13th October. As I understand it you have not accepted these proposals.

You will appreciate that there is a need for absolute clarity on my part about your attitude to these propositions and indeed about how you see the peace process moving into all party talks. I would be obliged therefore if you could respond to these propositions.

As you and I may be meeting soon - I am hopeful that this can be next Friday around the Forum? - I would be obliged if I could have your response before then.

Is Mise le Meas

*p.s. Find enclosed for your information - letter from us to Rint last week (GA)*



# Sinn Féin Ard Oifig

26 October 1995

Michael Ancram MP  
Northern Ireland Office  
Whitehall  
London

A Chara

As you are no doubt aware, Siobhán O'Hanlon has been endeavouring to make arrangements for us to meet this week. During our last meeting when you received proposals from us, you indicated that you would return to us speedily. At that time I felt your tone reflected a sense of the urgency of the situation. I am very disappointed, therefore, that a meeting this week has been ruled out.

It is my view that we need to have, as I have said to you, a substantive conclusive engagement, the aim of which would be to resolve the problems which are stalling and subverting the peace process. I would therefore ask you to set aside time, as soon as possible, so that we can speedily bring this matter to a positive conclusion. I am sure you will agree that there is an onus upon us to find a formula as a basis for forward movement in the shortest time possible. This demands that we bring the appropriate urgency to our endeavours.

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*Siobhán O'Hanlon*

*R* MARTIN McGUINNESS

6 Oct '95

1. The two governments have agreed to launch the preparatory phase for all party talks in the peace process which will, not later than 30 November, lead into substantive political negotiations, in round table format, to reach an agreed political settlement.

2. The two governments have also agreed to ask George Mitchel to head up an international body, to ascertain and advise the two governments on the commitment to peaceful and democratic methods of all political parties which will be participating in the round table negotiations and consequently of their commitment to the removal of all weapons from Irish politics.

The international body will also be asked to ascertain and advise on how the question of arms, now {thankfully} silenced, can be finally and satisfactorily settled.

George Mitchel will be assisted by two other figures of international standing likely to inspire widespread confidence.

3. Accordingly, the international body will have the remit of reporting, by [.....] on whether it has established that a clear commitment exists on the part of the respective political parties to an agreed political settlement, achieved through democratic negotiations, and to the satisfactory resolution of the question of arms.

4. The international body will report to the two governments who will undertake to consider carefully any recommendations he makes and to give them due weight.