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North-South Co-operation - Meeting at Iveagh House, Dublin
Tuesday, 9 February, 1965

A general, informal conference took place after lunch.

Present:

Taoiseach	Prime Minister of Northern Ireland
Minister for External Affairs	
Minister for Industry & Commerce	Secretary to N.I. Cabinet
Secretary, Department of Finance	Asst. " " " "
" to the Government	Private Secretary to Prime Minister
" Department of External Affairs	

The N.I. representatives expressed general agreement with the scope and content of the list of possibilities of co-operation, which the Taoiseach had sent to Captain O'Neill, subject only to the reservation that trade was not within the powers of the N.I. Government.

From the N.I. side, further suggestions were made for co-operation in fishery development, crime detection and between the two Public Record Offices. The Taoiseach said he would arrange for Mr. Colley to contact Captain Long, the N.I. Parliamentary Secretary in charge of fisheries; that we had a common interest in the detection and prosecution of criminals; and that co-operation as regards public records should also be possible.

The Minister for Industry & Commerce referred to the recent conversations which he and the Minister for Transport and Power had had with Mr. Faulkner. Apart from tourism, transport, and power (which were the concern of the Minister for Transport and Power), these conversations covered further tariff reduction possibilities and procedures and the question of co-operation in industrial training and other aspects of adaptation and

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manpower policy. It might, for instance, be desirable to arrange for reciprocal exchanges of industrial trainees, **modifying** the N.I. Safeguarding of Employment legislation, if necessary, for this purpose. Captain O'Neill was neither negative nor affirmative on this question and seemed to show some nervousness when it was being discussed. Co-operation in industrial research was also mentioned.

Municipial and regional planning in the North come under the Minister of Development, Mr. Craig, and, as regards planning of major roads etc., it was agreed that contact would be established between Mr. Craig and Mr. Blaney, the Minister for Local Government. The Taoiseach outlined the purposes of the Physical Planning Institute recently set up in Dublin with U.N. support.

Mr. Bateman, Secretary to the N.I. Cabinet, said he would send Mr. Whitaker further copies of a booklet on N.I. Departments and their personnel and would have an early discussion with him on the arrangements to be set up for dealing with the various items on the list.

Amongst the matters to which an incidental reference was made by the Taoiseach were the possible re-opening of the Shannon-Erne canal at Ballinamore, the joint establishment of a small commercial airport astride the Border, and joint participation in the Montreal Centenary Fair. Joint industrial promotion was mentioned, but as a difficult matter to arrange in view of all the competitive forces; a common "black list" seemed, however, to be a possibility.

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10 February, 1965.