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Text of agreed statement issued following the meeting between the British Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Mr. William Whitelaw M.P. and Mr. John Hume M.P. and Mr. Patrick Devlin M.P. of the S.D.L.P. (as reported in the Irish Times on 16th June 1972)

The Secretary of State met Mr. John Hume, M.P., and Mr. Patrick Devlin M.P., for two hours today at their request to discuss the Provisional I.R.A. statement of June 13th.

The S.D.L.P. representatives urged that every opportunity from any quarter for peace in Northern Ireland should be grasped. The Secretary of State said that if violence ceased the possibilities that existed for promoting a real and lasting peace in Northern Ireland would respond positively to any genuine end of violence.

Both the Secretary of State and the S.D.L.P. representatives agreed to give serious consideration to each other's point of view and to meet again on Monday.