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Interviewer: Looking to the longer term, is there any possibility that your conditions about the Agreement could be fulfilled if it became clear that what the British and Irish Governments were discussing in the Conference were matters for them alone and for the two Governments to discuss which effected relations between the two and which did not impinge on Northern Ireland?

Mr. Molyneux: That argument might have held good if they hadn't signed the Anglo-Irish Agreement because your question raises the question why did they

require to have a document, a formal document in the shape of the Anglo-Irish Agreement when they already had the mechanisms since 1981 to discuss matters affecting the two nations, to use Mr. Haughey's phrase, "the totality of the relationship between the two nations in the British Isles".

Interviewer: If they were to so portray their future meetings of the Conference you would not necessarily see that as opening the way for further discussions and even negotiations?

Mr. Molyneux: No, I don't think that we could yet subscribe to that deception, if you like, because that's what it would be.