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1. Sir Ewart
2. Mr Cawell

I have shown to
W. Bloomfield

TELECON RESIDENT CLERK/STIMSON AND MY TELELETTER OF 21 NOVEMBER TO CLARK, RID.

IRISH REACTIONS TO ANGLO-IRISH SUMMIT

1. THE IRISH FEELING OF GLOOM AND DEPRESSION IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE SUMMIT HAS DEEPENED.
2. THE TAOISEACH IS REGARDED AS HAVING GONE OUT OF HIS WAY AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE AND IN ADDRESSING THE DAIL NOT TO BE DRAWN ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE TALKS AND NOT TO INDULGE IN RECRIMINATIONS IN THE LONGER TERM INTEREST OF ANGLO/IRISH RELATIONS.
3. HOWEVER IN A PRIVATE MEETING YESTERDAY OF HIS OWN PARLIAMENTARY PARTY, AND IN RESPONSE TO FIERCE CRITICISM FROM HIS OWN BACK BENCHERS, HE IS REPORTED TO HAVE AGREED TO A SUGGESTION THAT THE PRIME MINISTER'S BEHAVIOUR AT HER PRESS CONFERENCE WAS "GRATUITOUSLY OFFENSIVE" AND MR BARRY IS UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE VOLUNTEERED THAT HER BEHAVIOUR WAS "DISGRACEFUL". THESE REMARKS HAVE NATURALLY LEAKED AND MAKE THE HEADLINES IN ALL THIS MORNING'S DUBLIN PAPERS.
4. THE TANAISTE YESTERDAY ISSUED A STATEMENT DESCRIBING AS "ASTONISHING AND UNACCEPTABLE" MR HURD'S "SELECTIVE" REFERENCE TO "SOME OF THE ISSUES RAISED IN THE COURSE OF A CONFIDENTIAL MEETING." RTE RADIO NEWS HEADLINE THIS MORNING IS THAT THE TAOISEACH MR BARRY, MR SPRINGN MR HAUGHEY AND MR HUME ARE NOW ALL CRITICAL OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S AND MR HURD'S STATEMENTS TO THE PRESS.
5. WHAT APPEARS TO HAVE HAPPENED IS THAT THE PRESSURE ON THE TAOISEACH FROM THE OPPOSITION TOGETHER WITH FEELINGS OF ANGER AND FRUSTRATION AMONGST COALITION BACK BENCHERS HAVE COMBINED TO OVERCOME HIS NATURAL AND INSTINCTIVE COURTESY. THE SENSE OF HUMILIATION AND WOUNDED PRIDE AMONGST IRISH TD'S ALREADY APPARENT BEFORE MR HURD'S PRESS CONFERENCE IS NOW WIDESPREAD AND OVERT. BUT DESPITE SPECULATION AMONGST OPPOSITION TD'S THAT THE TAOISEACH OWN POSITION AS LEADER OF THE COALITION MAY NOW BE IN QUESTION FROM FINE GAEL TD'S APPEAR FOR THE MOMENT TO BE CLOSING RANKS IN HIS SUPPORT.

FCO PLEASE ADVANCE TO NO 10.

STIMSON

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