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- PS/Sir John Wheeler (L,B&DFP) - B
- PS/Michael Ancram (L,B&DENI) - B
- PS/Mr Fell - B
- Mr Semple
- Mr Loughran
- Mr Murray
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NOTE FOR THE RECORD

1. cc Mr Carrill (p. 4)
2. Mr [redacted]

MR JOHN HUME

These ideas that he has on our
agenda for our next mtg.
M. Murray

John Hume telephoned me at home late yesterday (21 September) from Washington.

2. His main purpose was to say that he had had talks with Vice-President Gore, with Speaker Foley, and ultimately with President Clinton himself regarding special economic assistance for Northern Ireland from the United States.
3. He said that there was genuine support for the concept, and that the intention of the US Administration as he understood it was to form a small top level committee comprising members of the Administration, and of Congress (both Houses) to work with a counterpart regarding the potential for economic assistance for Northern Ireland and the border counties (of the Republic of Ireland). He emphasised that what was not in view was simply massive cash subsidies - though no doubt the IFI would stand to gain from an increased subvention. Rather, the Administration and Congress want to look at ways of using special export subsidy and tax provisions to provide a more than normally favourable economic advantage for Northern Ireland the border counties both in terms of inward investment and export and trade in the US market. (A) (S)
4. He said he thought it of very great importance that "we" should set up a counterpart committee - with the implication of a North/South component to it - to relate to the expected US committee. I thanked him for the information and took note, but said I was not, myself, in close touch with the economic development side of things but would pass on what he had said. (C)

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5. Second, on a different tack, he said that there was a proposal with mounting support to found a Chair of Peace Studies at the University of Ulster, Magee College to be named "the Tip O'Neill Chair of Peace Studies" (!). X

6. Finally, striking a note that will be musical to many and surprising to few, he said he hoped we would do nothing to increase Gerry Adams' publicity profile during his forthcoming visit to the United States (eg by raising too loud a protest at the grant of a visa as on the past occasion). John Hume felt that publicity had gone quite far enough already and what was needed was a proper balance between those who had worked long and hard, not excluding recently arrived unionists, as against pure arrivistes (!).

Signed:

JOHN CHILCOT

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