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Statement by Mr. Sean F. Lemass, Taciseach, following return from discussion with Captain T. O'Neill in Belfast, Thursday, the 14th January, 1963.

There is no question that this meeting was significant. Its significance should not be exaggerated. I think I can say that a road block has been removed. How far the road may go is not yet known. It has been truly said, however, that it is better to travel hopefully than to arrive.

The practice of consultation and co-operation in matters of economic importance will, I feel certain, prove to be so useful that once started everybody will expect and welcome its continuation and extension.

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