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Discussion with John Hume

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1. John Hume telephoned from Strasbourg at lunch-time to say that he had just had a brief discussion with Ian Paisley, at the latter's initiative, about the talks process.
2. Paisley first referred to the substantial progress obstacle and said that the Unionist leadership would be prepared to accept Peter Brooke's definition of what this constituted. (The British had in fact indicated to us at a meeting earlier in the year that this was the position, but the implication at the time was that any such definition could not be used in a manner which would put Unionists in a publicly impossible position).
3. Secondly, Paisley said that the Unionists had told Peter Brooke that any talks with Dublin would have to be held in London. (This is a new and unacceptable pre-condition. It is also discouraging that the British did not mention it to us in the course of yesterday's briefing in the Secretariat on their meeting with the Unionists).
4. Hume will be arriving in Dublin from Strasbourg on Friday afternoon and will be staying overnight at the Grand Hotel in Malahide, where he will be addressing the week-end Conference of the Irish Association. He will be returning to Derry sometime on Saturday.

D.P.G.
Dermot Gallagher,
10 October, 1990

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