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IMMEDIATE NIO (LONDON) AND NIO (BELFAST)



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.

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