

PRIME MINISTERMEETING WITH THE NORTHERN IRELAND SECRETARY

Mr. King is coming to see you at his own request. The main subject is likely to be the request from Mr. Molyneux and Mr. Paisley for a meeting with you. The letter in the folder sets out Mr. King's views on this. In brief, he sees it as a useful way to resume a dialogue with them, if only a rather stunted one.

He may mention Unionist reactions to the Government's rejection of the petition supporting a referendum. Paisley and the DUP are again threatening a campaign of civil disobedience.

He will no doubt want to give you his assessment of the implications of Mr. Haughey's election as Taoiseach for the conduct of business under the Anglo/Irish Agreement.

He may mention the debate on the Northern Ireland Emergency Powers Order, which ended in some antics from Paisley.

There are one or two security matters which he wants to touch upon.

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