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A working Paper. The Objective

PAPER

Before we attempt to put forward the following documents, we wish to state for the record, that your ability to progress, to continue, and to overcome, into the distance future, has never been doubted, and is hereby acknowledged.

The following document, is intended as a working paper, and should be assessed as a forward political position, rather than a alternative "other" viewpoint.

We have looked at the present political developments, and how these could affect the next six months and beyond.

The reader will understand that many of the reasons for our conclusions can not be stated in print, but <sup>these</sup> have been discussed at length, with the presenter of this paper. Further discussions may be necessary.

The proposals are designed to bring the Ard Comhairle into the decision making processes, and to reverse the primary position of the West Minister government in Irish affairs.

The objective is a public position for the 1990's which world opinion can easily identify with and support.

Europe

The British position is to box, and box again, the Ard Comhairle into a negative corner, we do not wish to labour this position, as we know you are already aware of the serious implications. Some important facts however must be restated.

To ignore the impact of Europe '92 would be a disaster, for the Ard Comhairle. The Irish people are well tuned into the benefits of a pro European stance. Ireland has always been inclined towards Europe.

The British, have always been frightened of Europe, and British policy in Ireland over the years has been to isolate Ireland. from the rest of Europe

These days are over. N. P. A new era has begun, and it will be vital, to have a peace proposal, which can be placed and defended, and accepted by all the European heads of states. It is self evident that this peace proposal must offer the hope of an end to all acts of war, by all the parties, involved in the Irish conflict. The peace proposals must be supported by the Irish head of state, An Taoiseach; otherwise they will not be placed on the European table. PEACE

Unionism, as we have known it, in the narrow six county setting is finished. The war has been won. The Ard Comhairle must now begin to win the peace.



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THE PROPOSALS

The proposals fall into two separate categories, the practical day to day, agreements for winding down the war.

These are all negotiable and will not present serious problems. <sup>THE SP</sup> ~~And~~ have been discussed at length ~~the~~ with your presenter.

The key proposal is that all acts of war will stop on a agreed date to enable an all Ireland conference to take place, to include <sup>THE</sup> representatives of the Ard Comhairle. A public declaration by the British government ~~intention to abide~~ and support the decisions which may come out of this conference ~~to ACCEPT~~

The mechanisms surrounding the setting up of such a conference should be very flexible, and the Ard Comhairle should not box itself in with <sup>any</sup> pre-conditions.

<sup>THE BRITISH</sup>

The likely outcome of this key proposal has been assessed as follows; We know that the British government will immediately reject this proposal and will work actively against its ~~internationally~~ acceptance.

The main British objective, will be to convince Mr Haughey to reject this proposal, knowing that if he does so, this will block the European heads of state from accepting the peace plan.

The British will see, that if this proposal were to become the "National Irish Position", then the present British position, which they have carefully cultivated since 1922 would become less and less defensible, bearing in mind the current European policies on South Africa, and Israel.

X The British will attempt to create pre-conditions which will block and confuse the main simple key proposal.

<sup>THE UNIONISTS</sup>

The Unionists have already decided to accept the best deal possible in a six counties state, and would see this peace proposal as a major threat and will totally reject it; by refusing to sit down with representatives of the Ard Comhairle. The British will collaborate with the Unionists position by demanding an end to the war before agreeing, even to consider any of the peace proposals.

It is very possible that this proposal would speed up British/Unionist agreement in the six counties, and a deal would be offered to the S.D.L.P. which they would find attractive.



## THE PRESENTATION

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X Events are moving very quickly a referendum was to be held on Thursday September 16th, 1990 in the six counties. This was called off. A new date of Thursday October 18, 1990 has been suggested. Details of this referendum are not known.

X To settle the Irish ~~question~~ PROBLEM

X The method of presentation is most important. The ambitions of the present Taoiseach will trap him. He will see himself as the first modern Taoiseach to put forward an agreed, reasonable all Ireland peace plan. John Hume will be more cautious but would find it very difficult to publicly reject the proposal. Hume running true to form, would give a cautious private welcome, and then attempt to sell his version of the British position. Deep consideration has gone into getting the maximum world attention for such a proposal, the British control of the media is a major factor to be considered.

### THE METHOD

There is a private way of testing the reaction of C. J. Haughey. If he is favourable, then he will immediately seek confirmation, that this proposal represents the true and accurate position of the Ard Comhairle. Haughey will contact Hume within hours. Hume will seek out the presenter for confirmation. Within 24 hours the British will know, and they too will seek confirmation. of the position

The Ard Comhairle Peace <sup>initiative</sup> ~~Proposal~~ will need to be launched immediately. Haughey and Hume would give it an agreed, <sup>IN ADVANCE</sup> ~~cautious~~ welcome. The first step on the <sup>LONG</sup> road to lasting peace in Ireland would be taken. HAVE ISORT X

If C. J. Haughey's private reaction were to be unfavourable, then Ard Comhairle would have a much more difficult media task, and would have to use <sup>there</sup> ~~their~~ own methods to launch the Peace Proposals. <sup>THILL</sup>

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~~We seek to~~ The objective is a public position ~~for the 1990's~~ <sup>which</sup> ~~with~~ <sup>which</sup> world opinion can easily identify <sup>and support</sup> ~~with~~ and which is totally defensible both to the Irish people <sup>including those</sup> ~~who~~ <sup>who</sup> would not be ~~considered~~ <sup>considered</sup> ~~as~~ <sup>as</sup> supporters of the ~~Ad~~ <sup>Ad</sup> Comhairle.







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WHOSE HANDWRITING IS IT?  
AT BACK.  
IT IS NOT BD, DB or NG.

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B.D. TO WALTER.

SEPT 90

BD (sh/w) says it is a famous PAN-NATIONALIST PAPER.

CIRCA 86-90.

SOME ADVANCE DATES

MENTIONED ON PI OF TYPED = 1990s.

= EUROPE 92.

WHAT WAS TO BE THE IMPACT  
OF EUROPE 92?

From reading, it sounds like Sept 90.

See P. 3 for reference to

referendum of 16/9/90 ~~cancelled~~ postponed  
until 18/10/90.