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Meeting of Minister with Mr. C.V. Narasimhan (Curriculum Vitae attached), Chef de Cabinet to the UN Secretary-General and Under-Secretary for General Assembly Affairs on 1st February, 1972

(1) There are attached for guidance note of Mr. Aiken's meeting with U Thant on 23 April, 1969 and transcript of his press conference on the same day. Also note of the Minister's meeting with U Thant in August 1969 on the situation in the North. Also attached are the Minister's and Taoiseach's General Debate speeches for the past three years in which detailed information was given on the North.

(2) The main purpose of the Minister's call would be to inform the Deputy of the Secretary-General of the circumstances of the present crisis in the North culminating with the unprovoked and indiscriminate massacre of innocent civilians by British troops. This might be based on the Taoiseach's public statements attached, copies of which could be given to Mr. Narasimhan for the Secretary-General. The Minister might wish to expand on the fundamental problem of the North resulting from Partition which is outlined in the booklet "Stormont - an Assessment" attached, under the following headings:-

Government of Ireland Act 1920

Permanent Minority

British Parliamentary Democracy not suitable

The Record of 50 Years

The Downing Street Declaration 1969

The Reform Effort

Disab~~l~~usion

Internment

Need for Structural Change in the North

Mr. Wilson's Proposals

Need for peaceful and final settlement which will lead to Irish unity.

(3) The Minister may also wish to discuss the attempts to have the question of the North inscribed on the Agendas of the Security Council and of the General Assembly in 1969.

Our approach was based on:

- (i) the violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms; and
- (ii) the existence of a threat to international peace and security.

Our approach in both cases was not one of self-determination in that the ending of Partition was not sought (see notes attached on Security Council aspects).

(4) A matter which has not been raised before (as far as I am aware) with the Secretary-General is the question of border incursions which was so acute last Autumn. A statement is attached with particulars of such incidents. The Minister may wish to discuss the trouble caused by spiking and cratering of border roads and the dangers involved for peace and security. However, see note attached on problems of bringing such a matter to the Security Council.

(5) Arising from (4) the Minister may wish to talk of the possibility of having a UN observer or special representative of the Secretary-General in Ireland. The Taoiseach has ^{said} ~~sought~~ that in connection with border incidents he would be prepared to agree to UN observers on both sides of the border. The problem is that British consent would not be forthcoming and Mr. Heath has said so several times to any UN presence in the North.

(6) The Minister might express regret that it was necessary to withdraw 250 Irish troops from UNFICYP. These were required for purposes of internal security. It is hoped to maintain the remaining company of 150 troops in UNFICYP.

(7) The Minister might ask Mr. Narasimhan to inform the Secretary-General on his return of the discussion and to express hope that he would have an opportunity of seeing the Secretary-General himself personally in due course.

(8) The Minister might agree that at his subsequent press conferences he will not go into any detail about his conversation with Mr. Narasimhan but that, if circumstances should require it, he might say that he had made no specific request of the Secretary-General.

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