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Submission to Republican National Committee

Your no. C190 includes a draft being discussed between Mr. Ted Smyth and Republican Party contacts and, while we acknowledge that the draft has merely "emerged" and has no status on either side, the following remarks occur to us and to the Taoiseach's Department and they might possibly be taken into account in continuing contacts:

The second sentence is considered a bit extravagant and it might be omitted

In the following sentences the contrast between the long-term aim of unity by consent and the short-term development of acceptable political structures in Northern Ireland ^{does} ~~do~~ not precisely correspond with our present thinking and reflect rather the presentation in vogue before 7 December 1979. Perhaps the final sentence could run as drafted at present as far as "Great Britain" and, after that point, could reflect the aim expressed by the Taoiseach of lifting the discussion of the problem to a new plane so as to achieve permanent peace and a lasting solution.

Finally, the Taoiseach's Department wonders if there is a possibility of tying in a suggestion that the U.S. would encourage private investment in Ireland (both North and South) when a peaceful solution has been found - something

reflecting the Carter statement of August 1977.

The question of the Irish National Caucus ^{submission} reference and how we should react to it is tied up with the wider matter of our attitude to the Caucus and what we can say about it. However their draft denies any role to our Government and suggests that human rights violations in Northern Ireland are perpetrated solely by the British law enforcement authorities. In the wider context of reference to above [?] we shall obviously consider whether we should comment to the Republican and Democratic Parties on the submission from the I.N.C. and if so, in what terms.

= How we should refer to the Caucus?