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Uimhir.....

Taoiseach's meeting with Speaker O'Neill, New York, 21st October, 1985

The Taoiseach was told that Speaker O'Neill would be available between 2.30 and 3 p.m. in the 21 Club. The Taoiseach arrived at the Club about 2.45 p.m. and was told that the Speaker was engaged but would be finishing up his business and would come down to meet the Taoiseach as soon as possible.

The Speaker appeared at about 2.50 p.m. and went with the Taoiseach to a corner of the room where the two spoke, for 10 minutes, without aides or note-takers.

The Taoiseach mentioned to me afterwards that the Speaker had said that -

- (1) he would not approach the President on the subject of support or of the Fund, preferring that this should be done by us (and the British);
- (2) a figure should not be broached at this point in relation to the Fund in view of the very considerable likelihood of other competing interests seeking to use the Irish approach in order to gain more for themselves;
- (3) the approaches to the White House, from us, should be stronger.

Ad

23rd October 1985

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