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SUBJ: MARTIN SMYTH VISIT

1. REV MARTIN SMYTH IS VISITING THE WASHINGTON AREA AT PRESENT, STAYING IN FACT WITH A FAMILY IN MIDDLEBURG, VIRGINIA. AS FAR AS WE CAN ASCERTAIN, THE VISIT SEEMS TO BE PARTIALLY PRIVATE, PARTIALLY OFFICIAL AND NOT TO BE VERY INTENSE.

2. SMYTH SAW JOE BEEMAN YESTERDAY - BEEMAN, AS YOU KNOW, ORGANISES THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HERE ON NORTHERN ISSUES AND IS A PARTICULARLY GOOD FRIEND OF THE EMBASSY. THIS MORNING, HE IS CALLING ON ROSEMARY O'NEILL (THE FORMER SPEAKER'S DAUGHTER), WHO IS A MIDDLE RANKING OFFICIAL AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT. HE ALSO MET TODAY WITH MIKE O'NEIL OF THE SPEAKER'S OFFICE, WHO WAS VERY UNIMPRESSED. SMYTH HAD REQUESTED A MEETING WITH THE SPEAKER BUT THIS WAS POLITELY DECLINED.

3. I MET JOE BEEMAN AT A SOCIAL FUNCTION LAST NIGHT WHO SAID THAT HE DID NOT FIND SMYTH TO BE AT ALL IMPRESSIVE. SMYTH WAS, HOWEVER, INCLINED TO GLOAT OVER WHAT HE CALLED THE 'UNDERSTANDING' WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT ON THE MAASTRICHT VOTE. HE SIGNALLED TO BEEMAN, BUT IN IMPRECISE TERMS, THAT THE 'UNDERSTANDING' EMBRACED A SELECT COMMITTEE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND AT WESTMINSTER, INCREASED LOCAL GOVERNMENT POWERS (INCLUDING ON PLANNING) IN THE NORTH, AND AN INDICATION THAT THE BRITISH WOULD PRESS US IN THE CONFERENCE FOR INCREASED SECURITY MEASURES, INCLUDING (ODDLY) PREVENTATIVE

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4. SMYTH ALSO INTERESTINGLY SAID THAT AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN UNIONIST DECISION TO SUPPORT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT IN THE VOTE WAS THEIR FEAR OF AN ELECTION AND THE LIKELIHOOD THAT THIS WOULD LEAD TO A LIB-LAB PACT. HE ADDED THAT HE WOULD ENVISAGE THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATS TAKING SOME 25 SEATS FROM THE TORIES IF AN EARLY ELECTIC WERE HELD.

5. IF WE HEAR ANYTHING FURTHER ABOUT THE VISIT, WE WILL LET YOU KNOW IMMEDIATELY.

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