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Presenter: Meanwhile the DUP leader, Ian Paisley is flying from Strasbourg in an eleventh hour bid to try to dissuade the Prime Minister from making his announcement, Dr. Paisley said he hopes to meet Mr. Major later this morning. Tim Jenkins caught up with Dr. Paisley shortly before his departure.

Mr. Paisley: My sources which are very good simply states that both the British Government and the Irish Government are convinced that they have gone far enough to buy off the IRA but if they have gone far enough to buy off the IRA that's very bad as far as the Unionist population is concerned. This is not a Treaty or an arrangement or an agreement between Dublin and London. This is a tripartite agreement between London, Dublin and the IRA. That's why the channels were opened to the IRA by both Governments and they are assured the two Ministers have been assured from the IRA that this is enough to start the process.

Presenter: But basically John Major has stated and restated and stated again that the views of the majority of people in Northern Ireland will prevail.

Mr. Paisley: Oh yes, you going to have a fudge between a self-determination of the people of Ireland both North and South and the consent of the Northern Irish people but the consent is not regarding a United Ireland but the consent will be in regard to the structures of a United Ireland. The people that are going to have the self-determination are the whole of the Irish people North and South in one, and of course once that is conceded that is the end of the Union

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because that means that there is no separate entity. The people of Northern Ireland are not a separate entity with the right to self-determination, that's destroying, that's part of the deal. Articles 2 and 3 are not going to be done away with until the whole package of a series of long negotiations are entered into and are carried to a satisfactory fulfilment to please Dublin. Then Dublin says at the end of the day we will deal with Articles 2 and 3 so there is no movement on Articles 2 and 3 at all.

Presenter: You are hoping to see the Prime Minister today. What will you be saying to him ?

Mr. Paisley: I'll be saying to him well you have sold us. I told you you would do it, you have been bluffed by the blarney of Dublin and you have put higher in your reckoning the IRA than you have put the people of Northern Ireland. You have sold them and you have bought off the IRA.

Presenter: In what position does this leave James Molyneux and the Ulster Unionist party ?

Mr. Paisley: Well James Molyneux will have to answer for himself. The Ulster Unionist Party took no part in a vigorous campaign to stop John Major. In fact they covered for him, they said that everything was well. They had a meeting with Mr. Powell the other night and at the end of that meeting Mr. Molyneux said all is well, the documents that are going from London are not the documents that we see leaked from Dublin and he told us that all was well and now all is not well and that's to be deeply regretted that the Unionist party didn't join with me and all fellow Unionists to oppose these talks from day one.

Presenter: What now is the campaign that the DUP will adopt ?

Mr. Paisley: Well the Democratic Unionist party will have to rally every Unionist in Northern Ireland and I am not prepared to say to you now what we intend to do and Mr. Major had better understand that the people in Northern Ireland will not be taking this lying down.