ANGLO-IRISH SUMMIT: INITIAL U.S. REACTIONS

SUMMARY
1. INITIAL POST-SUMMIT MEDIA COVERAGE RELATIVELY LIGHT. MAIN POINTS OF COMMUNIQUE NOTED, BUT DISAPPOINTMENT IN DUBLIN AN INCREASINGLY STRONG THEME. CONGRESSIONAL CONTACTS HAVE PRIVATELY EXPRESSED CONCERN.

DETAIL

3. REPORTS OF THE LATEST STATEMENTS BY DR FITZGERALD, MR BARRY AND MR SPRING (YOUR TELNO 1999) ARE CARRIED IN TODAY'S U.S. PRESS, WHICH AS A RESULT CONVEYS MORE PESSIMISM SECOND THOUGHTS ON THE SUMMIT. THE WASHINGTON POST QUOTES IRISH OFFICIALS AS DESCRIBING THEIR GOVERNMENT'S MOOD AS QUOTE DESPONDENT UNQUOTE AND SUGGESTING THAT THERE IS SUCH QUOTE GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT UNQUOTE WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT THAT DOUBTS HAVE BEEN RAISED ABOUT HOLDING ANOTHER SUMMIT EARLY NEXT YEAR. THE ARTICLE SUGGESTS THAT THERE ARE THREE SOURCES OF IRISH DISPLEASURE - THE PRIME MINISTER'S PUBLIC REJECTION OF THE THREE FORUM MODELS, WHICH QUOTE HAS CAUSED GREAT POLITICAL EMBARRASSMENT FOR FITZGERALD UNQUOTE; SECOND, THE PRIME MINISTER'S AND MR HURD'S COMMENTS ON QUOTE ALIENATION UNQUOTE; AND LAST, OUR INSISTENCE THAT SOLUTIONS IN NORTHERN IRELAND COULD NOT BE IMPOSED BY BRITAIN.


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