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Prime Minister

ANGLO/IRISH AGREEMENT: JOINT COURTS

I have seen Douglas Hurd's minute to you of 2nd May 1985 and your Private Secretary's letter to Douglas Hurd's of 7th May 1985.

I think in this context I should report to you that Lord Lowry came to see me the other day in order to oppose vigorously the very notion that we should even discuss the matter. He repeated many of the views recorded by Douglas but added that he thought that Northern Ireland judges would actually refuse to participate and probably could not be made to do so at least South of the Border.

I might add that what struck me more than anything was the real anger felt by Lord Lowry about possible initiatives toward joint courts.

I am copying this to other members of OD(I) and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

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9th May, 1985

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