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1. I HAVE DISCUSSED MR HAUGHEY'S COMMENTS WITH MR QUINN, THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (LABOUR PARTY) AND MR SUTHERLAND, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL (FINE GAEL). WE AGREED THAT MR HAUGHEY IS FACING SOME CRITICISM IN HIS PARTY FOR HIS INTRANSIGENCE OVER THE FORUM REPORT. IT IS FAIRLY CLEAR THAT HE IS AFRAID THAT HMG AND THE IRISH GOVERNMENT WILL REACH SOME KIND OF UNDERSTANDING WHICH WILL LEAD TO PROGRESS IN NORTHERN IRELAND. IF THIS WERE TO OCCUR, A NUMBER OF HIS SUPPORTERS COULD ABANDON HIM IN ORDER TO SUPPORT SUCH MOVES AND THIS MIGHT EVEN LEAD TO HIS LOSING CONTROL OF FIANNA FAIL. IT IS THEREFORE VERY MUCH IN HIS POLITICAL INTERESTS THAT HE SHOULD DO ALL HE CAN TO SABOTAGE ANY KIND OF PROGRESS BETWEEN US AND THIS IS WHY HE IS TAKING SO EXTREME A TONE.

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