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BRITISH EMBASSY,
DUBLIN.

19 December 1980

The Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher MP
Prime Minister
No 10 Downing Street
London SW1

(2)

Prime Minister
H.C.
Paul

Dear Prime Minister

I am most grateful for your letter of 11 December,
together with the photograph. It is most generous of you.

I have passed on your thoughtful message to my staff.
We all hope that your next visit may last a bit longer and
perhaps give you an opportunity of seeing something of
Dublin and of the Embassy.

Yours sincerely

Leonard Figg

L C W Figg

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THE PRIME MINISTER

11 December 1980

Dear Mr. Figg,

Thank you for everything you and your staff did to ensure that Monday's lightning visit went off smoothly. Although our hosts will have borne the brunt of the administrative burden, I know that the Embassy will also have made a substantial contribution. It was well worthwhile. Please convey my thanks to all those involved.

Yours sincerely,

(sgd) Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency Mr. L. C. W. Figg, C.M.G.

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From the Private Secretary

9 December 1980

Dear Sg Ldr Barratt,

I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister to thank you, Flight Lieutenant Poulter and your crews on the HS125 and Andover for the smooth flight to Dublin. The excellent service of both crews was much appreciated by Mrs. Thatcher and her party.

Yours sincerely

Nicholas Alexander

Squadron Leader Barratt

~~MR WHITMORE~~

PM (aw)

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CAR PLAN: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO DUBLIN

8 December 1980

Car 1 (George Newell)	0810	From No.10 to Northolt Prime Minister Mr Alexander Supt Cawthorne
Car 2 (Joe Beattie)	0630 0700	Mr Whitmore picked up from home, then Mr. Ingham picked up from home, then to Northolt
Car 3 (Ken Godbeer)	0720	Mr. Alexander picked up from home - to No.10
	0750	From No.10 to Northolt Miss Jelley (travelling on separate plane)

Take off from Northolt: 0915

ETA Dublin: 1030

ETD Dublin: 1630

ETA Northolt: 1745

Car 1 (Ken Godbeer)	Prime Minister Mr Alexander Supt Cawthorne	To No.10
Car 2 (Joe Beattie)	Mr Whitmore Mr Ingham	"
Car 3 (Tom Savage)	Miss Jelley	"

Distribution: All members of party

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ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS
FOR
THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO
DUBLIN
FOR ANGLO-IRISH TALKS

8 DECEMBER 1980

1. DATE AND PLACE

The Prime Minister accompanied by those shown at Appendix I will travel to Dublin for talks with the Irish Government on Monday 8 December. The talks will take place at Dublin Castle. N.B. There will be no advance announcement of the date of this visit.

2. COMPOSITION OF THE PARTY

This is given at Appendix I.

3. PROGRAMME

An outline programme for the visit is shown at Appendix II.

4. TRAVEL

The Party will travel to and from Dublin by RAF Andover (Task. 1465) and by RAF HS 125 (Task. 1472). Details of timings and passenger lists are given in Appendix III.

5. SAFTY REGULATIONS

Butane gas lighter refills and matches, other than safety ones, may not be taken on RAF aircraft: certain aerosol sprays are now accepted on RAF flights, provided they are not used on the aircraft. Any electrical items must be disconnected from their batteries.

6. BAGGAGE

Yellow Cabin load labels are enclosed for the visit.

7. INSURANCE

(a) The insurance of baggage at the expense of HMG is not permissible. In the case of loss of personal baggage while travelling or while in receipt of subsistence allowance, claims may be submitted up to a maximum of £200 (no one article to

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exceed £50), provided that the loss is not covered by an existing policy.

(b) Personal

Those travelling are advised to check whether their insurance policies provide cover for travelling by non-commercial flights and to consult their insurers if they are in any doubt about their position. At present, claims on HMG for compensation are subject to a liability limit of £25,000.

8. WORKING ACCOMMODATION

a) The UK will have the use of the following rooms in Dublin Castle, allocated thus:-

Room 114	Ministers
Room 113	No 10 Private Secretaries
Room 140	No 10 PA
Room 141	FCO Office
Room 142	Treasury/N10 Office
Room 143	UK Security Coordinator and Embassy visit Coordinator

b) Room 140 has been equipped with typewriters and photocopier.

9. SECURITY

a) A security brief for the visit is enclosed. This should not be taken out of the country.

b) Miss Jelley and Mr Walden will act as Special Couriers for the No 10 and FCO parties respectively. Details for inclusion on their waybills should be notified to Mr A S Chapman, COD, FCO (Tel No 233 3706).

c) The Security Coordinator for the visit, Mr D Goodsir of FCO Security Department, will be based at Dublin Castle during the meetings.

10. TRANSPORT

a) The UK delegation will travel between Dublin International Airport and Dublin Castle and vice versa by Sikorsky s-61 helicopter. 21 seats out of a total of 23 will be allocated to the UK.

b) Should for any reason it prove not possible for the helicopter to be used for this purpose, 4 protected cars will be available to transport the ministers and their immediate staff, and a coach to convey the balance of the party.

11. OVERNIGHT CONTINGENCY ARRANGEMENTS

Should fog or aircraft unserviceability make it necessary for the party to remain overnight in Dublin, arrangements will be made by the Irish Government to put the delegation up at Dublin Castle.

12. PASSPORTS

All members of the party should take their passports to Ireland for identification purposes e.g. for access to the British Embassy.

13. COMMUNICATIONS

a) The switchboard and communications centre of the British Embassy in Dublin will operate throughout the time the party are on Dublin.

b) There will be a safe-hand service carried out by Embassy vehicles during the visit. Safe hand boxes have been sent to Dublin.

Black	No 10
Green	FCO/Treasury/N10

c) Telephones. Direct dial telephones have been installed in these offices at Dublin Castle with the following numbers;

Room 113 (No 10 Private Secretaries)
711077

There is a switch through facility from this room to the UK Ministers' room (114)

Room 140 (No 10 PA) extension off main Castle switchboard
(712255)

Room 141 (FCO Office) 711146

Room 142 Treasury/N10. Advisers 711291

Room 143 UK Security Advisers and Conference Coordinator.
711312

d) Other useful telephone numbers:-

British Embassy, Dublin 695211
33 Merrion Road

British Airways, Dublin Airport 375730 or 379900 Ext. 4717/
(to contact RAF aircrews) 4789

e) Dialling codes:-

To obtain Dublin from London 0001-
To obtain London from Dublin 031

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14. FINANCE

- a) No subsistence will be issued for the visit since all meals etc are being provided by the Irish Government.
- b) Costs such as hire of cars in Dublin will be charged to CSD.
- c) FCO costs will be charged to the DCS vote C3(2)(e).

15. ENTERTAINMENT

- a) Two luncheons will be given by the Irish government on 8 December at Dublin Castle: one seating 14, for Ministers and some senior officials, and a buffet for all other members of the party.
- b) It will not be possible for duty free supplies from Embassy stocks to be sold to the party for personal consumption. The visit will be too short to permit this.

16. TRANSPORT TO NORTHOLT

- a) Each Department will be responsible for arranging cars for its own party.
- b) The FCO Private Office will instruct the Foreign Secretary's car.
- c) Conference Section FCO will arrange a car to call for:-

Lord Bridges. Flat 5, 15 Draycott Place SW3	7.45
Mr Walden. 14, Ashchurch Terrace, W12	8.15
Arrive at Northolt	8.40
- d) For the return, these arrangements will operate in reverse.

17. ADMINISTRATION

- a) The party will be administered in Dublin by Mr L B Smith, Head of Chancery and Mr P Johnstone 1st Secretary. One Embassy PA will also be on duty at the Castle.
- b) Liaison with the aircrews will be undertaken by the Defence Attaché, Brigadier Robertson and RAF W/O, P Harris of HM Embassy Dublin
- c) Enquiries in London about these arrangements should be referred to the undersigned. Weekend telephone numbers:

Saturday 04912-2180
Sunday 267 1481

Michael Hall.

M M Hall
Conference & Visits Section
Protocol and Conference Department
233 8601

COMPOSITION OF PARTY

<u>Serial No</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Designation</u>
NO 10 DOWNING ST		
1.	The Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher MP	Prime Minister
2.	Mr C A Whitmore	Principal Private Secretary
3.	Mr M O'D B Alexander	Private Secretary
4.	Mr B Ingham	Chief Press Secretary
5.	Miss M Jelley	Secretarial Assistant
6.	Supt G Cawthorne	Detective
HM TREASURY		
7.	The Rt Hon Sir Geoffrey Howe QC MP	Chancellor of the Exchequer
8.	Sir Kenneth Couzens KCB	Second Permanent Secretary
FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE		
9.	The Rt Hon The Lord Carrington KCMG MC	Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary
10.	Mr G G H Walden	Private Secretary
11.	The Lord Bridges CMG	Deputy Under Secretary of State
12.	Supt M Waller	Detective
13.	Det Inspector M Dixon	Detective
14.	Mr D B Goodsir OBE	Security Coordinator
NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE		
15.	The Rt Hon Humphrey Atkins MP	Secretary of State
16.	Sir Kenneth Stowe KCB CVO	Permanent Under Secretary
17.	Det Sgt J Airth	Detective
18.	Det Sgt L Bushell	Detective

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT
TO DUBLINMONDAY 8 DECEMBER
PROGRAMME

1025 and 1030	Aircraft arrive Dublin International Airport Met by Irish Chief of Protocol and British Ambassador
1035	Embark in Helicopter
1045	Arrive Dublin Castle
1100 - 1200 (approx)	Tête à tête meeting of Heads of Government Ministerial Pairings.
1230 Approx	Plenary with all Ministers.
1230-1300	Drinks
1300-1430	Ministerial Lunch (Ministers plus HM Ambassador Sir K Stowe and Mr Whitmore)
1300-1430	Buffet lunch for all other participants
1430-1600	Plenary session
1610	Embark in Helicopter
1625-1630	Aircraft depart for Northolt

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTSOUTWARDSunday 7 December

a) Mr Goodsir E1 155 1045 Depart LHR Terminal 1
1155 Arrive Dublin

Monday 8 December

b) RAF Andover . Chancellor of the Exchequer Depart RAF Northolt 0850
Task 1465 Northern Ireland Secretary Breakfast on board.
Sir Kenneth Stowe Arrive Dublin International
Sir Kenneth Couzens 1025
Lord Bridges Flying time: 1 hr 35
Mr Ingham
Miss Jelley
Supt Waller
Det Sgt Airth
Det Sgt Bushell Total = 10

c) RAF HS 125 Prime Minister Depart Northolt 0915
Task 1472 Lord Carrington Breakfast on board
Mr Whitmore Arrive Dublin International
Mr Alexander 1030 hours.
Mr Walden Flying time: 1 hr 15
Supt Cawthorne
Inspector Dixon Total = 7

RETURNMonday 8 December

a) RAF HS 125 Passenger list 1630 Depart Dublin
as above 1745 Arrive Northolt

b) RAF Andover Passenger list as above 1635 Depart Dublin
plus Mr Goodsir Total = 11 1810 Arrive Northolt

NB: The Andover is fitted with 20 seats to enable it if necessary to transport the whole party on the outward and / or return flights.

DISTRIBUTION

NO 10 DOWNING STREET
Mr C A Whitmore
Mr B Ingham
Mr M O'D B Alexander
Duty Clerk

CABINET OFFICE
PS/Sir Robert Armstrong
Mr J L Wright

CIVIL SERVICE DEPARTMENT
Mr R D H Baker, Finance Division

HM TREASURY
Private Secretary to the Chancellor

FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE
PS to Secretary of State
PS/LPS
PS/PUS
Lord Bridges
Mr Fergusson
Republic of Ireland (3)
Communications Operations Department: Mr L T Charrington (8)
Communications Technical Services Department (2)
Protocol and Conference Department (10)
Resident Clerk
Security Department - Mr D R Goodsir

NEW SCOTLAND YARD
Det. Chief Supt. K Pryde

NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE
PS/Secretary of State
PS/Sir Kenneth Stowe

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Personal Air Secretary to Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (RAF)
Squadron Leader B Lee
SY(2) (RAF)
DDOM (AT) RAF
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HM EMBASSY, DUBLIN

EACH MEMBER OF THE PARTY

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PROTECTIVE SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE VISIT OF THE
PRIME MINISTER TO DUBLIN ON 8 DECEMBER 1980

INTRODUCTION

1. This brief supplements the administrative arrangements issued by P&CD and is subject to last minute change.

THE THREAT

2. The meeting in Dublin is fraught with special risks. There has been some advance publicity (none of it officially ascribed), the subjects to be discussed are particularly sensitive at the moment, and there have been threats of violent attack against the Prime Minister and senior Cabinet Ministers. The Irish Government are aware of the special risks and are planning counter measures.

3. The 'H' Block propaganda campaign has so far not generated a great deal of interest in the Republic or, in Dublin, but a large-scale demonstration is planned for Saturday 6 December. The assessment is that this demonstration will be a great deal better planned and could well lead to a sharply increased threat.

COUNTER-TERRORIST MEASURES

4. With this in mind, the Irish have made contingency plans aimed at giving an impression that the visiting delegation will arrive at the Military Air Base and travel by road to one of a number of possible venues. They have organised Press accreditation to support that plan. The actual plan is for the delegation to arrive at Dublin main airport, where there are good navigational aids for bad weather landings and take-offs, then to lift the entire party by twin-engined Sikorsky helicopter direct to the Dublin Castle grounds. The Irish will also have the road journey covered from Dublin Airport to the Castle in case of weather conditions precluding the helicopter flight. Access control to the Castle will be strictly enforced.

5. Travel plans are as set out in P&CD administration arrangements.

6. The PM and senior Ministers are to travel in an RAF aircraft, thence by helicopter until returning to the airport (road journeys are to be avoided where possible because 8 December is a Church feast day and roads will be jammed, with possibility of demos).

7. VHF radio equipment is to be provided for secure communications between the Chancery and the Private Office in the Castle and the safe hand cars moving between these two locations.

8. In the event of a delayed take-off due to bad weather in Ireland or in London, the delegation will remain within the Castle where the Irish will provide a degree of comfort to enable delegates to get some rest and be fed. It is strongly advised

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that the PM and Ministers should not leave the protective security ring round the Castle and that officials should leave only in cases of greatest need.

COUNTER-ESPIONAGE MEASURES

9. The delegation offices at Dublin Castle will, of course, be manned throughout the visit. All classified material will be returned either to the Chancery or with delegates to the aircraft on the return journey.

10. Safe hand deliveries carried out by Embassy staff are to be arranged using two suites of boxes already supplied. Details of the deliveries will be given in the final administrative arrangements.

11. Totally secure speech facilities are not available at the Castle because engineers are not available to mount the counter-measures. Security speech facilities up to SECRET are available in the designated Confidential Offices in Chancery. There is hard intelligence that the use of telephones is extremely dangerous.

COMMAND AND CONTROL

12. The Irish authorities (the Garda) retain overall command of protective security operations. To assist them and to provide a liaison and coordination point, a Conference Security Officer will be in Dublin and in contact with Metropolitan Police close protection officers.

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(Signed) Wayland

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TO IMMEDIATE DUBLIN

TELEGRAM NUMBER 150 OF 5 DECEMBER.

FROM CONFERENCE SECTION

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT

1. SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG AND CONSTABLE KINGSTON WILL NOT BE TRAVELLING. SIR K COUZENS WILL BE THE SENIOR TREASURY OFFICIAL. PARTY NOW TOTALS 18.

2. NIO DETECTIVES ARE DET SGTS J AIRTH AND L BUSHELL. GUN NUMBERS ARE J 220675 AND J 220593.

3. CALL SIGN OF ANDOVER WILL BE ASCOT 1465 AND HS 125 ASCOT 1472. PASSENGER LISTS ARE GIVEN IN ADMIN INSTRUCTIONS BEING BROUGHT OUT BY GOODSIR.

4. NO 10 PRIVATE SECRETARIES WILL USE ROOM 113 AND ALL PAS INCLUDING MISS JELLEY WILL USE ROOM 140. OTHER OFFICES AS ALREADY ALLOCATED.

5. THOSE ATTENDING MINISTERIAL LUNCH WILL BE THE FOUR MINISTERS PLUS HM AMBASSADOR SIR K STOWE AND MR WHITMORE.

6. PLEASE ISSUE GOODSIR WITH CLASS A SUBSISTENCE FOR ONE NIGHT TO BE CHARGED TO CSD.

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(Signed) A Dayland



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From the Private Secretary

3 December 1980

Prime Minister's Visit to Dublin

Thank you for your letter of 1 December about the party to accompany the Prime Minister to Dublin. As I have told you, the Prime Minister is anxious to keep the party to an absolute minimum. I fear therefore that it will not be possible for Messrs Newington and Moriarty to make the journey. The Prime Minister believes that there are in any case enough officials in the party to deal with the communique.

MA

Paul Lever, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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TO IMMEDIATE F C O

TELEGRAM NUMBER 356 OF DEC 1980

YOUR TELNOS 138+140. PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT.

1. CO ORDINATION FOR THE VISIT WILL CONTINUE TO BE HANDLED BY L B SMITH, ASSISTED BY P JOHNSTONE.

2. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE R A F CREW WILL BE MADE BY THE DEFENCE ATTACHE, BRIGADIER P ROBERTSON, SUPPORTED BY WARRANT OFFICER P HARRIS. THE CREW WILL STAY AT THE AIRPORT AND CAN BE CONTACTED VIA BRITISH AIRWAYS AT DUBLIN AIRPORT TELEPHONE: 375730 OR 379900 EXT. 4717/4789 OR VIA THE GARDA IN AN EMERGENCY.

3. WE HAVE NOW BEEN GIVEN THE FOLLOWING TELEPHONE NUMBERS:-

ROOM NUMBER	TELEPHONE NUMBER
113 (WILL SWITCH THROUGH TO 114)	711077
139 (SPARE OFFICE)	711102
141	711146
142	711291
143	711312

EACH ROOM WILL HAVE AT LEAST ONE EXTENSION ON THE CASTLE CENTRAL EXCHANGE (712255) AND THERE WILL ALSO BE A PURELY INTERNAL P A B X EXTENSION SYSTEM.

EACH ROOM WILL HAVE AT LEAST ONE EXTENSION ON THE
CASTLE CENTRAL EXCHANGE (712255) AND THERE WILL ALSO BE A PURELY
INTERNAL P A B X EXTENSION SYSTEM.

N.B THERE IS NO DIRECT DIAL FACILITY TO AND FROM ROOM 140.

5. LONDON NUMBER CAN BE OBTAINED FROM DUBLIN BY DIALLING 031
AND THEN THE LONDON NUMBER WITHOUT THE 01 PREFIX.

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TO IMMEDIATE DUBLIN

TELEGRAM NUMBER 145 OF 3 DECEMBER

FROM CONFERENCE SECTION

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT

1. COMPOSITION OF UK PARTY:-
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1. PRIME MINISTER
 2. MR C A WHITMORE, PPS
 3. MR B INGHAM, PRESS SECRETARY
 - ? 4. MR M O'D B ALEXANDER, PS
 5. MISS M JELLEY, PA
 6. SUPT G CAWTHORNE, DETECTIVE
 - X 7. DET CONSTABLE R KINGSTON, DETECTIVE
CABINET OFFICE
 - X 8. SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG KCB CVO, SECRETARY OF THE CABINET
HM TREASURY
 9. CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER
 10. SIR KENNETH COUZENS OR MR J WIGGINS, PS
FCO
 11. SECRETARY OF STATE
 12. MR G G H WALDEN, PS
 13. THE LORD BRIDGES CMG, DUSS
 14. SUPT M WALLER, DETECTIVE
 15. DET INSPECTOR M DIXON, DETECTIVE
 16. MR D B GOODSIR OBE, SECURITY DEPARTMENT
NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE
 17. SECRETARY OF STATE
 18. SIR KENNETH STOWE KCB CVO, PUS
 19. DETECTIVE
 20. DETECTIVE
2. THE PARTY WILL NOW TRAVEL TO DUBLIN IN TWO AIRCRAFT, AN

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HS 125 AND AN ANDOVER. DETAILED PASSENGER LISTS WILL FOLLOW. WE PROPOSE THAT THE ANDOVER ARRIVES AT 1025 HOURS WITH THE CHANCELLOR, NORTHERN IRELAND SECRETARY AND OTHERS, AND THE HS 125 WITH THE PM AND LORD CARRINGTON AT 1030 HOURS. MOD HAVE POINTED OUT THAT BOTH AIRCRAFT WILL HAVE TO FILE THEIR FLIGHT PLANS ON OPEN CHANNELS NO LATER THAN ONE HOUR BEFORE TAKE OFF FROM THE UK IF DUBLIN INTERNATIONAL IS BEING USED. PLEASE CONFIRM WHETHER, IN VIEW OF THIS, THE IRISH STILL WISH DUBLIN INTERNATIONAL AND NOT BALDONNEL TO BE USED. PRESUMABLY AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL OFFICIALS WILL HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF THE MOVEMENTS IN ADVANCE ANYWAY. REQUESTS FOR CLEARANCE WILL NOT MENTION IDENTITY OF VIPS CARRIED.

3. GOODSIR ARRIVES ON EI 155 AT 1155 HOURS ON 7 DECEMBER. IF POSSIBLE PLEASE MEET AND ARRANGE HOTEL ROOM.

4. IN ADDITION TO OTHER TELEPHONE NUMBERS AT THE CASTLE PLEASE SEND MAIN SWITCHBOARD NUMBER OF CASTLE. ALSO THE STD CODE FOR DIALLING LONDON FROM DUBLIN.

5. TWO GREEN AND TWO BLACK SAFEHAND BOXES ARE BEING SENT BY TOMORROW'S BAG, GREEN FOR THE USE OF NO 10 AND THE BLACK FOR OTHER DEPARTMENTS. KEYS ARE BEING DISTRIBUTED TO PRIVATE SECRETARIES AT THIS END, AND GOODSIR WILL BRING TWO KEYS FOR REGISTRY'S USE. 6. VISIT COORDINATOR SHOULD ENSURE THAT UK OFFICES ARE MANNED DURING THE LUNCH INTERVALS ON MONDAY. GRATEFUL TO KNOW ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE FOR AIR CREWS' SECURITY AND REST WHILE ON THE GROUND. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THEY CAN BE CONTACTED AT ALL TIMES.

CARRINGTON

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LORD BRIDGES

MR FERGUSSON

COPIES TO:

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PS/MR ATKINS, N. IRELAND OFFICE

MOD, PS/PUSS, (AIR) (SQD LDR LEE)

PS/SIR R ARMSTRONG

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

1 December 1980

Dear Michael,

Prime Minister's Visit to Dublin

Thank you for your letter of 27 November about the composition of the Prime Minister's party. The senior official from the FCO will be Lord Bridges.

We recommend however that Mr M J Newington from the FCO and Mr M J Moriarty from the Northern Ireland Office, who have been closely involved in the preparatory discussions with Irish officials, should be on hand to help in the drafting of the communique. They could if necessary travel to Dublin ahead of the main party. This recommendation is endorsed by Sir K Stowe, PUS at the Northern Ireland Office, who will I understand be accompanying the Northern Ireland Secretary.

I am sending copies of this letter to Roy Harrington (Northern Ireland Office) and David Wright (Cabinet Office).

Yours ever

Paul

(P Lever)
Private Secretary

M O'D B Alexander Esq
10 Downing St
London EC1

Mr. Alexander. O/R.
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With the compliments of
PROTOCOL AND CONFERENCE DEPARTMENT
CONFERENCE SECTION

Michael Hall

28/11/80.

FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE
LONDON, SW1A 2AH

Mr Burns
PS to Permanent Under-Secretary

PM
Ans

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO DUBLIN

1. You will have seen from my letter to Michael Alexander dated 26 November that all the principal arrangements for the visit are now being made by the Irish, and as a consequence the only tasks falling to the United Kingdom side will be the liaison with the air crew of the Andover and the organisation of the telegram service to the Delegation. My assessment during my visit to Dublin on Tuesday was that the Embassy had both the manpower and experience, following their involvement with the European Council Meeting last year, to take on these two tasks for so short a visit and that there was no real role for a Conference Officer from London. I have put this to Michael Alexander and to Miss Chaplin of Conference Section and they concur with this view. No 10 particularly wish to keep the party to a minimum. Since security will be ~~almost~~ the key factor in the arrangements, it has been agreed that the Security Co-ordinator for the visit, Mr Goodsir, will be present in Dublin for the meeting.

2. I would be grateful for authority to send a telegram along these lines to Dublin (draft attached).

M M Hall
Conference and Visits Section
Protocol and Conference Department

28 November 1980

cc: Mr Alexander, No 10
Mr Newington, RID
✓ Mr Goodsir

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TELEGRAM

DRAFT: minute/letter/teleletter/despach/note

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FROM: M M Hall

Reference

DEPARTMENT:

TEL. NO:

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TO: IMMEDIATE DUBLIN

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FROM CONFERENCE SECTION

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

1. No 10 have seen a summary of the arrangements discussed with the Irish at Tuesday's meeting and judge them to be satisfactory.
2. Now that all the principal arrangements for this visit are being made by the Irish (transport, accommodation, meals, telephones etc) we see no proper role for a Conference Officer from London. No 10 wish to keep the party to a minimum and agree with this view. The few administrative arrangements falling to the UK side, such as liaison with the RAF Crew and the organisation of the telegram service, will require a co-ordinator and we would be grateful if you could nominate the officer with whom we should liaise.
3. As security will play a relatively much larger part in this visit, the Security ^{Coordinator} ~~Officer~~, David Goodsir, will travel out for the meeting, probably arriving Sunday 7 December.
4. A telegram giving the full Delegation list and other administrative details will follow.

Enclosures—flag(s).....

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TO IMMEDIATE DUBLIN

TELEGRAM NUMBER 140 OF 1 DECEMBER

FROM CONFERENCE SECTION

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

1. UK WORKING ACCOMMODATION AT CASTLE.

ROOM 114 MINISTERS

113 ADVISERS

140 NO 10 OFFICE

141 FCO OFFICE

142 TREASURY/NO 10

143 SECURITY COORDINATOR AND EMBASSY VISIT COORDINATOR

2. TELEPHONES. AS AGREED THERE WILL BE A DIRECT LINE IN 113 WITH A SWITCH THROUGH TO 114, AND A DIRECT DIAL IN EACH OF THE OTHER 4 UK OFFICES. PLEASE TELEGRAPH NUMBERS.

3. OFFICE EQUIPMENT. 1 PHOTOCOPIER, 1 MANUAL, 2 ELECTRIC IN ROOM 140. NO 10 PA WILL ALSO BRING ONE PORTABLE. APPROPRIATE STATIONERY IN ALL OFFICES.

4. TRANSPORT. IN ADDITION TO 2 SAFE HAND VEHICLES, 1 CAR ON STAND BY AT CASTLE TO TAKE MEMBERS OF PARTY TO EMBASSY IF NECESSARY.

5. FINANCE. NO SUBSISTENCE WILL BE ISSUED FOR VISIT. COSTS SUCH AS CAR HIRE SHOULD BE CHARGED TO CSD.

6. DUTY FREE. YOU WILL NOT HAVE TIME, OPPORTUNITY OR MANPOWER TO DISTRIBUTE DUTY FREE. PARTY WILL BE INFORMED.

7. PARTY WILL BE ASKED TO BRING PASSPORTS FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES E.G. ACCESS TO EMBASSY.

8. PLEASE TELEGRAPH DETAILS OF WHERE AIRCREW WILL BE ACCESSIBLE DURING THEIR TIME ON THE GROUND.

9. DETECTIVE'S GUN NUMBERS IN CASE REQUIRED.

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WALLER J. 221117

DIXON J.222054

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WEAPONS ARE S AND W POINT 38.

10. AIRCRAFT DETAILS AND FULL PASSENGER DELEGATION LIST WILL FOLLOW.

11. EMBASSY SWITCHBOARD AND COMMS. CENTRE SHOULD OF COURSE BE MANNED THROUGHOUT VISIT. COD ARE SENDING DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS.

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From the Private Secretary

27 November, 1980.

Visit to Dublin

The composition of the Prime Minister's party to Dublin at Ministerial level has already been determined. The Prime Minister has agreed that the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary should be accompanied by a Private Secretary and a senior official, and that the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Northern Ireland Secretary should each be accompanied by one official. Sir Robert Armstrong from the Cabinet Office, and Mr. Whitmore, Mr. Ingham and myself from No.10 will also be making the journey.

I should be grateful if Mr. Hall could get in touch with me about the supporting staff.

I am sending copies of this letter to John Wiggins (HM Treasury), Roy Harrington (Northern Ireland Office), and David Wright (Cabinet Office)

M. O'D. B. ALEXANDER

Paul Lever, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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PRIME MINISTER

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Visit to Dublin

I do not usually bother you with the administrative arrangements for your visits overseas. But you may like to be aware of what is proposed for your visit to Dublin. The details are set out in the attached letter. May I take it that you would be happy to brief the press alongside Mr. Haughey?

As regards the composition of the party to accompany you, you have already decided that the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, the Chancellor and the Northern Ireland Secretary should participate. The other senior members of the party will be Mr. Whitmore, Mr. Ingham, and myself from No. 10; Sir Robert Armstrong; a Private Secretary and a senior official from the FCO; one official each from the Treasury and the Northern Ireland Office. I hope you would regard this as reasonable.

Please - no more officials than strictly necessary. I am concerned for their security. We shall do it as obvious fact - in view of the hunger strike.

26 November 1980



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Your reference

Our reference TXY 408/404/2

Date 26 November 1980

Dear Michael,

PRIME MINISTERS' VISIT TO DUBLIN

1. As you know I travelled to Dublin yesterday, accompanied by David Goodsir of FCO Security Department and Gordon Cawthorne of the Special Branch, to discuss arrangements for the Prime Minister's forthcoming visit. Yesterday afternoon, together with members of the Embassy in Dublin, we attended a planning meeting at the Department of Foreign Affairs, at which the Taoiseach's Office, the Garda, and the Department of Justice were also represented. I would like to summarise the main points discussed and agreed, subject to your views, with the Irish.

2. Arrival.

It is proposed that the Andover will arrive and depart from Dublin International Airport. The Garda are fully confident that they can secure the airport for these movements and in the event of poor weather Dublin International would be preferable to Baldonnell Military, since it is equipped with more sophisticated navigational aids. After the Prime Minister has been greeted by the Irish Chief of Protocol, she and the whole British party will transfer to a Sikorsky twin-engined helicopter fitted with 23 seats, 21 of which will be available to the British. We should, therefore, be aiming to limit the party travelling in the Andover to 21. The helicopter will land in the grounds of Dublin Castle and the party will proceed straight to the meeting rooms and offices on the first and second floors. Our delegation's offices will be equipped with telephones, typewriters, photocopier etc.

3. Programme

You will already have seen an outline programme set out in Dublin tel 326 of 17 November. At 12.30 there will be two lunches: one for 14, attended by the Ministers and some of the officials from both sides and there will also be a buffet lunch in an adjacent room for all other participants including Personal Assistants.

/4. Departure



4. Departure from Dublin

At the end of the Talks and/or a Press Briefing the party will re-embark in the helicopter and return to Dublin International for the flight by Andover back to the United Kingdom.

5. Press and Publicity

It is the very strong wish of the Irish that there should be no announcement of the visit until the morning of the day itself, at the earliest, and that the timing of any announcement should be agreed by both Heads of Government. If it is decided that one or both of the Prime Ministers will brief the Press, either jointly or separately, the Irish propose that correspondents will be accredited at a location some distance from the Castle, between approximately 12 noon and 1500, and then brought by bus to the Castle Press Centre a few minutes before a briefing or conference is due to start. The Irish wishes on an announcement will clearly place correspondents not based in Dublin at some disadvantage, but the Irish feel that the interests of security are overriding. Our own security advisers concur.

6. Contingency Arrangements

If for any reason it proves impossible to bring the party into or out of the Castle by helicopter (poor weather, high winds, unserviceability), protected cars will be standing by to transport Ministers, and a coach to convey the rest of the party. This was thought to be far preferable to an attenuated procession of cars.

In the event of a delayed departure by the Andover, the Irish have said that they could put up and feed the whole UK party at the Castle. Ministers can be accommodated in reasonable comfort, while more improvised arrangements, such as camp beds, would be made for the rest of the party. This idea commends itself on a number of grounds. It avoids the risks inherent in taking a block booking for that night in a hotel, it enables the whole party to be assembled under one roof ready for a rapid departure if, for example, the weather suddenly clears, and places the party near to offices and telephones for communication with London.

7. If there are any points on which you would like more detail, please do not hesitate to telephone me.

*Yours ever,
Michael.*

M M Hall
Conference and Visits Section
Protocol and Conference Department



cc: Mr Ingham, No 10 Downing St
PS to Sir Robert Armstrong, Cabinet Office
Private Secretary, Room W52
PS to Permanent Under-Secretary
Mr Fergusson, AUSS
Mr Newington, RID
Mr Fenn, News Department
Mr Goodsir, Security Department
Mr Larcombe, COD
Mr Smith, Head of Chancery, British Embassy, Dublin

PM Tom Abd



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Note for the file.

Provisional time of departure
for Dublin 8 December:-

0900 hours

Approx. time of arrival:-

1030 hours.

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TELEGRAM NUMBER 335 OF 20 NOVEMBER 1980

FOR CONFERENCE SECTION.

YOUR TELS NO. 131 AND 132 : PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT

1. WE HAD A USEFUL MEETING WITH THE IRISH TODAY. WE HAVE ARRANGED TO SEE THEM AGAIN AT 3PM ON TUESDAY 25 NOVEMBER. WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO BE PRESENT.

2. THE FOLLOWING POINTS EMERGED IN THE COURSE OF OUR DISCUSSIONS:-
 - (A) VENUE. THE MEETINGS AND THE LUNCH ARE TO BE IN DUBLIN CASTLE SEMICOLON

 - (B) ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE. THE IRISH ARE IN FAVOUR OF USING DUBLIN AIRPORT FOR BOTH ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE SEMICOLON

 - (C) TRANSPORT TO AND FROM DUBLIN CASTLE. THE IRISH HAVE YET TO MAKE A DECISION BETWEEN THE USE OF HELICOPTERS AND TRAVEL BY ROAD. IF HELICOPTERS ARE TO BE USED THEY HAVE IN MIND A LARGE SIKORSKY WHICH THEY SEEM TO THINK WOULD TAKE SOME 23 PEOPLE AT A MAXIMUM. (FOR TUESDAY'S MEETING WE WILL NEED TO KNOW WHETHER ALL OUR MINISTERS CAN TRAVEL IN THE SAME HELICOPTER.) BUT THEY HAVE AN ALTERNATIVE PLAN FOR TRAVEL BY ROAD WHICH WOULD INVOLVE PROTECTED VEHICLES FOR MINSTERS AND ALL OFFICIALS TRAVELLING BY COACH. THEY WERE INTERESTED TO HEAR THAT WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE FURTHER PROTECTED VEHICLES FROM THE NORTH. THEY HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THE GARDA (WHO WERE NOT PRESENT AT THE MEETING) WOULD BE ABLE TO LAY THEIR HANDS ON ONE PROTECTED VEHICLE WHICH, COMBINED WITH THE TWO EMBASSY VEHICLES THEY THOUGHT MIGHT BE SUFFICIENT SEMICOLON

 - (D) WE HAVE EXPLAINED THAT BOTH THE UNPROTECTED EMBASSY EMBASSY VEHICLES WOULD BE INVOLVED IN THE SAFE HAND SERVICE SEMICOLON

 - (E) WORKING ACCOMMODATION AND COMMUNICATIONS. WE HAVE INFORMED THEM OF THE REQUIREMENTS IN PARAS 5 AND 6 OF YOUR TELNO. 131. WE HAVE ALSO INFORMED THEM THAT WE MAY BE USING MOBILE RADIO COMMUNICATION (PARA 5 OF YOUR TELNO. 132). THEY RAISED NO OBJECTION SEMICOLON

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- (F) PASSES. THE IRISH WILL BE ORGANISING PASSES AND IDENTIFICATION FOR OFFICIAL VEHICLES SEMICOLON
- (G) PRESS ARRANGEMENTS. STILL VERY FLEXIBLE. THE IRISH ARE THINKING IN TERMS OF A PRESS CONFERENCE OR PRESS BRIEFING IN THE CASTLE, BUT THERE IS OBVIOUSLY A PROBLEM WITH ACCREDITATION. THEY ARE STILL LOOKING AT THIS. WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL TO KNOW WHETHER A PRIME MINISTERIAL PRESS CONFERENCE IS DEFINITELY EXCLUDED FROM OUR THINKING. ARE WE ONLY THINKING IN TERMS OF A BACKGROUND BRIEFING BY THE THE PM OR MR INGHAM?
- (H) CONTINGENCY ACCOMMODATION. THE IRISH HAVE NO GOOD IDEAS ABOUT CONTINGENCY ACCOMMODATION. WE ARE INCLINED TO THINK THAT IF THE WORST CAME TO THE WORST THE ONLY PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENT FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF SECURITY WOULD BE TO ACCOMMODATE AT LEAST SIX IN DUBLIN CASTLE, UP TO TEN IN GLENCAIRN AND FOR THOSE AT LEAST RISK EITHER TO STAY IN A HOTEL OR GO BACK ON THE EVENING BOAT. BUT FOR TUESDAY'S MEETING WE WILL NEED TO HAVE A DEFINITE VIEW ON WHETHER ACCOMMODATION IN AN HOTEL IS UNACCEPTABLE IN THE LAST ANALYSIS.

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TO IMMEDIATE DUBLIN
TELEGRAM NUMBER 131 OF 19 NOVEMBER

FROM CONFERENCE SECTION
PRIME MINISTERS VISIT
YOUR TEL 326 AND TEL-CON HALL/SMITH

1. WE CONSIDER IT ESSENTIAL THAT CAWTHORNE ACCOMPANIES GOODSIR AND HALL TO THE PLANNING MEETING PROPOSED IN YOUR PARAGRAPH 2, BUT BECAUSE HE IS COMMITTED ON THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO ROME, CAWTHORNE WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL TUESDAY 25 NOVEMBER. GRATEFUL THEREFORE IF THIS MEETING COULD BE SET UP FOR THE AFTERNOON OF THAT DAY. BETWEEN NOW AND THEN, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF POINTS WHICH COULD USEFULLY BE CONSIDERED.

2. WE REGARD IT AS CRUCIAL TO THE USEFULNESS OF OUR VISIT TO HAVE DETAILS OF THE VENUES TO BE USED, OR AT VERY LEAST, THE OPTIONS WHICH THE IRISH HAVE IN MIND. IF WE HAVE THESE AHEAD OF OUR VISIT, WE COULD DO SOME HOMEWORK, USING MAPS.

3. POSSIBLE COMPOSITION OF THE PARTY:-

PRIME MINISTER,

2 PRIVATE SECRETARIES

PRESS SECRETARY,

~~DUTY CLERK~~ PLUS PA,

2 DETECTIVES,

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG,

SECRETARY OF STATE,

PS,

DUSS, (FCO)

~~HEAD, RID,~~

2 DETECTIVES,

TREASURY MINISTER,

~~PS~~ PLUS SENIOR TREASURY OFFICIAL,

NORTHERN IRELAND SECRETARY,

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~~PUS (NIO)~~ PLUS 1 SENIOR OFFICIAL, PLUS NIO DETECTIVE
3 OR 4 SUPPORT STAFF, E.G. CONFERENCE OFFICER, SECURITY CO-ORDIN-
ATOR ETC. TOTAL - 27. WE MUST STRESS THAT ABOVE IS GIVEN FOR
PLANNING PURPOSES ONLY AND IS SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION. AN
ANDOVER CONFIGURED TO TAKE UP TO 23 PASSENGERS WILL BE USED BUT
THERE MAY ALSO BE AN HS 125 SINCE WE CANNOT RULE OUT ONE OR TWO
MINISTERS TRAVELLING SEPARATELY. THOSE NOT CARRIED BY OFFICIAL
AIRCRAFT WILL USE COMMERCIAL SERVICES.

4. TRANSPORT. IDEALLY, A TOTAL OF
4 PROTECTED VEHICLES WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THE MINISTERS. WE ARE
EXPLORING WITH THE NIO THE POSSIBILITY OF 2 BEING BROUGHT DOWN
FROM BELFAST. 6 FURTHER CARS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THE REST OF
THE PARTY AND 2 FOR SAFE-HAND SERVICES. AS MANY AS POSSIBLE OF
THESE SHOULD BE EMBASSY VEHICLES, PARTICULARLY THE LAST 2.
SECURE TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE A KEY FACTOR IN THE
PLANNING FOR THE VISIT.

5. WORKING ACCOMMODATION.
IDEALLY AT THE VENUE FOR THE TALKS WE WOULD LIKE 1 ROOM FOR THE
PRIME MINISTER AND HER MINISTERS TO CONFER IN, 4 PRIVATE OFFICES
AND 2 ROOMS FOR ADVISERS/SUPPORT STAFF, BUT WE ACCEPT WE MAY HAVE
TO SETTLE FOR LESS, E.G. 1 MINISTERS' ROOM, 2 PRIVATE OFFICES
AND 1 ADVISERS' ROOM: HOWEVER WE DO NOT WISH TO GO BELOW THIS.

6. COMMUNICATIONS:-
FOR A VISIT OF THIS DURATION A DIRECT LINE TO THE NO 10 SWITCH-
BOARD WILL BE DIFFICULT TO JUSTIFY. PRIVATE OFFICES AT LEAST
SHOULD HAVE DIRECT DIAL TELEPHONES AND THERE SHOULD BE SWITCH-
THROUGH FACILITIES FROM NO 10 PRIVATE OFFICE TO THE MINISTERS'
ROOM.

7. SUBJECT TO OUR RECCE VISIT, WE AGREE TO THE PROPOSAL OF
ARRIVAL AT BALDONNELL AND DEPARTURE FROM DUBLIN. WE TAKE IT AIR-
CRAFT WILL REMAIN FOR MOST OF DAY AT BALDONNELL WHERE PRESUMABLY
PROTECTION WILL BE EASIER. SO THAT OUR SECURITY AND TECHNICAL
ADVISERS CAN CONSIDER THE USE OF HELICOPTERS, GRATEFUL FOR
DETAILS OF THE TYPES OF AIRFRAME THE IRISH HAVE IN MIND, INCLUD-
ING NUMBER OF PASSENGER SEATS.

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Date 10 November 1980

Dear Michael,

ANGLO-IRISH CONSULTATIONS

1. As you know it has been suggested that the Prime Minister might meet the Taoiseach in the margins of the European Council Meeting in Luxembourg next month. The political aspects of where this meeting should take place are not the concern of this Department of the FCO, but I would like to record that there would be considerable logistical and financial advantage in adopting this suggestion. The Irish proposal is that the Prime Minister might go to Dublin just for the day on 8 December, but one must bear in mind that fog at this time of the year could force the Prime Minister to stay on over night, which is something the Irish wish to avoid. The Luxembourg option is certainly the preference of our Security Advisers. The financial advantage of combining the Anglo-Irish Consultations with the European Council Meeting is obvious.

Yours ever,
Michael.

M M Hall
Conference and Visits Section
Protocol and Conference Department

cc Mr Newington, RID
Mr Lever, Private Office
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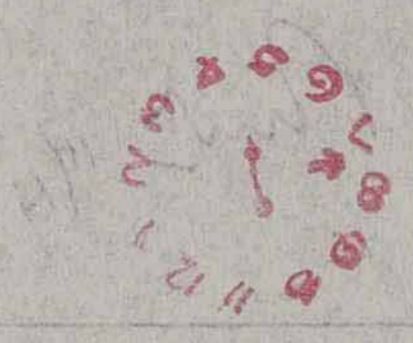
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Your reference

Mr D. B. Alexander
10 Downing Street

Our reference

Date 10 November 1980

Dear Sir,

AND POLICE INVESTIGATIONS

As you know, it has been suggested that the Prime Minister might
meet the President in the margins of the Lancaster House Meeting
in Luxembourg next month. The political aspects of this meeting
should be discussed in the context of this Department of the
but I would like to record that there would be considerable
to discuss the situation in securing this suggestion. The Irish
proposal, in that the Prime Minister might go to Dublin just for the
day on 8 December, but that the Irish might not be able to do this at
the year could be a significant factor to take on board. While
is something the Irish wish to avoid, the Luxembourg option as
entirely the preference of our Government. The financial
advantage of holding the Anglo-Irish negotiations with the British
Government being in evidence.

Yours sincerely,
Michael

M. M. Hill
Protocol and Liaison Section
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Mr. Alexander, 10 Downing Street
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CC NIO

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10 November 1980

Prime Minister's visit to Dublin

The Prime Minister has seen your message to me of 7 November. She would be content to make her visit to Dublin on 8 December a one-day visit if that is what the Taoiseach would prefer. Equally she would be content either to delay the visit or to have a longer meeting in Luxembourg. Perhaps you could keep us in touch as the situation in the Maze develops.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Roy Harrington (Northern Ireland Office).

MICHAEL ALEXANDER

Paul Lever, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Prime Minister

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Say visit?

7 November 1980

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Would he prefer
to delay the visit
or to have a longer
meeting at
Luxembourg?
not.

Dear Michael,

Prime Minister's Visit to Dublin

Dermot Nally, Secretary of the Irish Government, told British officials yesterday that the Taoiseach had reluctantly come to the conclusion that it might be better, given the emotional pressures likely to be building up over the H-Block hunger strike, if the Prime Minister did not after all stay overnight in Dublin on 8/9 December. He wondered therefore whether it would seriously inconvenience the Prime Minister to come to Dublin rather earlier on 8 December, ie: in time for a working lunch. Talks would take place during the afternoon, and the Prime Minister would be able to return in the early evening. Nally made it clear that the Taoiseach's principal concern was that the Prime Minister should not be exposed to hostile demonstrations. The risks would obviously be much reduced if there were no advance leak of the visit, but an overnight stop would give the "opposition" time to mobilize.

Getting to Dublin by lunch time would mean leaving central London at about 10.00 am. Would the Prime Minister's timetable allow this? If so it would clearly be sensible to fall in with the Irish proposal. If not, we might offer the Taoiseach the option of a meeting in the margins of the European Council in Luxembourg. Nally said that the Taoiseach would in any event hope to have 15 minutes with the Prime Minister in Luxembourg; he will no doubt contact you about this on arrival.

Nally expressly asked that we convey to the Prime Minister the Taoiseach's grave concern over the likely impact of the Maze hunger strike, not only in the Republic but also in Northern Ireland. If the Prime Minister felt there were any way in which the Taoiseach could help, she had only to ask.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Roy Harrington in the Northern Ireland Office.

Yours
Paul

Paul

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Private Secretary

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FROM HEAD OF RID

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO DUBLIN

1. THE PURPOSE OF THIS TELEGRAM IS TO SET OUT OUR PRELIMINARY IDEAS (WHICH HAVE SO FAR BEEN CONSIDERED ONLY AT OFFICIAL LEVEL) ON ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE VISIT TO DUBLIN. PLEASE TAKE AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THESE WITH THE DFA. IN DOING SO YOU WILL NO DOUBT WISH TO AVOID CONVEYING THE IMPRESSION THAT WE ARE IN ANY WAY PRE-EMPTING THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AS HOSTS. BUT THERE ARE A NUMBER OF PRACTICAL PROBLEMS WHICH THE IRISH THEMSELVES WILL NEED TO FOCUS ON BEFORE LONG.

ATTENDANCE

2. WE HAVE ALREADY SUGGESTED TO THE IRISH THAT THE PRIME MINISTER MIGHT BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE, THE NORTHERN IRELAND SECRETARY, AND ONE OTHER MINISTER, PERHAPS THE TRADE SECRETARY. THIS WOULD BE SIMILAR TO THE PATTERN OF OUR REGULAR MEETINGS WITH THE GERMANS, FRENCH AND ITALIANS. THERE HAVE BEEN HINTS FROM THE IRISH, BASED PERHAPS ON SUPPOSITION RATHER THAN ON ANYTHING THE THOISEACH MAY HAVE SAID, THAT HE MIGHT PREFER NOT TO INCLUDE MR O'MALLEY (WHO IS OF COURSE MR NOTT'S OPPOSITE NUMBER). IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE A DEFINITIVE INDICATION OF IRISH VIEWS: IT IS OF COURSE OPEN TO THEM TO SUGGEST AN ALTERNATIVE.

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3. THE PARTY IS LIKELY TO BE LARGE, ABOUT 26 IN ALL, OF WHOM A FAIR NUMBER WILL ALWAYS HAVE TO BE NEAR AT HAND TO THE PRIME MINISTER. SEEN FROM HERE THIS EFFECTIVELY RULES OUT ACCOMMODATION AT GLENCHAIRN, WHICH IN ANY CASE MIGHT BE JUDGED UNDESIRABLE ON SECURITY GROUNDS. MUCH WILL CLEARLY DEPEND ON WHERE THE MEETINGS AND DINNER ARE TO BE HELD. HOWEVER, THE ARRANGEMENTS MADE AT DUBLIN CASTLE FOR THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL WERE SATISFACTORY FROM EVERY POINT OF VIEW AND IF THE IRISH WERE THINKING OF USING IT FOR THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT WE WOULD BE WELL CONTENT. IN THAT EVENT THOSE WHO COULD NOT BE ACCOMMODATED AT THE CASTLE MIGHT STAY AT A NEARBY HOTEL. IF THE IRISH WOULD FIND IT HELPFUL, A CONFERENCE OFFICER (HALL), SECURITY OFFICER (GOODSIR OR NICHOLLS) AND SENIOR PROTECTION OFFICER FROM NO. 10 (CAWTHORNE) WOULD BE HAPPY TO VISIT DUBLIN TO DISCUSS THE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE IRISH, PERHAPS DURING THE SECOND WEEK OF NOVEMBER.

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4. SOME MEMBERS OF THE PARTY WILL NO DOUBT TRAVEL TO DUBLIN IN ADVANCE OF THE MAIN PARTY, WHICH WE ENVISAGE LEAVING LONDON AT LUNCH TIME ON 8 DECEMBER BY RAF ANDOVER (FLIGHT TIME 95 MINS) SO THAT TALKS COULD START NOT LATER THAN 4 PM. THE TALKS MIGHT START WITH MEETINGS BETWEEN INDIVIDUAL MINISTERS AND A TETE-A-TETE BETWEEN THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE TAOISEACH (AT WHICH THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD WISH A NOTE-TAKER TO BE PRESENT) FOLLOWED BY A PLENARY MEETING. IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO ALLOW ABOUT ONE AND A HALF HOURS BETWEEN THE MEETINGS AND THE DINNER. DISCUSSION COULD IF NECESSARY CONTINUE DURING THE EVENING. THE PRIME MINISTER MUST BE BACK IN LONDON BY 12 NOON ON 9 DECEMBER, WHICH WILL REQUIRE TAKE OFF FROM DUBLIN AT 0930.

5. WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT KIND OF DINNER THE TAOISEACH HAS IN MIND. IF IT IS SUGGESTED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO HOLD IT AT KINSEALY AND LIMIT ATTENDANCE TO, SAY, MINISTERS ONLY, YOU SHOULD SAY THAT IT WOULD OF COURSE BE NECESSARY TO CONSULT THE PRIME MINISTER BEFORE GOING FIRM ON DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS.

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Nis Stephens,

*Thank you, all
noted. Cf. 29/10*

Mr M O'D B Alexander
10 Downing Street

Your reference

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Date 28 October 1980

Dear Michael.

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO DUBLIN: 8-9 DECEMBER

1. You asked me for some indication of timings for the Prime Minister's visit to Dublin on 8 and 9 December. Precise timings and other details have yet to be finalised with the Irish, but assuming that an Andover is used for the visit, the outward travel programme will look like this:-

1230 Depart central London
1315 Take-off from RAF Northolt
Lunch on board
Flight time 95 minutes
1450 Arrive Dublin
1515 Arrive central Dublin
1600 Talks begin.

2. I understand that the Prime Minister wishes to be back by 12 noon on Tuesday 9 December, in which case the aircraft will need to take-off from Dublin at 0930 hours, bringing the party into Northolt at 1100 hours.

3. In reply to a question from me about the approximate size of the party from No 10 accompanying the Prime Minister, you estimated that the following would be travelling:-

Prime Minister

Mr Whitmore

yourself

Mr Ingham

Duty Clerk

1 PA

2 Detectives

Total: 8.

/I will

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4. I will keep you informed of the planning of this visit as it proceeds.

*Yours ever,
Michael.*

M M Hall
Conference and Visits Section
Protocol and Conference Department

cc Mr Lever, Private Office
Mr Newington, Republic of Ireland Department

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I will keep you informed of the progress of this work in
proceeds

29 OCT 1960



Yours very truly
Richard

Mr. Hall
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PM TOURS

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From the Private Secretary

20 September, 1980.

Dear Paul,

Visit to Dublin

The Prime Minister has seen your letter to me of 19 September about the arrangements for her visit to Dublin. She agrees that she should be accompanied to Dublin by the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary and the Northern Ireland Secretary. She would also like to take one other Departmental Minister with her in order to make it clear that her visit is not simply to talk about Northern Ireland. She suggests either the Secretary of State for Trade or the Minister of Agriculture.

I am sending copies of this letter to Roy Harrington (Northern Ireland Office) and David Wright (Cabinet Office).

Yours ever

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Prime Minister

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19 September 1980

The only point for discussion now
is who accompanies you to Dublin (A^{oruleaf}).

I would have favoured Lord Carrington,
Mr Atkins + one other Departmental Minister
to make it clear that this is a community meeting
+ not a N. Ireland summit. Agree?

And 20/9 Yes Mr.

Agreement?
Trade?

Dear Michael,

Meeting between the Prime
Minister and the Taoiseach

Thank you for your letter of 11 September to Stephen Gomersall. We have now heard from Dublin that the dates which we proposed are acceptable and that the Taoiseach's strong preference is for the Prime Minister to stay in Dublin overnight. If the Prime Minister is to be back in London by mid-day on 9 December she will need to take off at around 0945, which suggests that the most which could be fitted in that morning would be a press conference, perhaps at the airport. We shall be consulting the Irish about accommodation arrangements and will let you have recommendations in due course.

British and Irish officials met in London last week. The object was to prepare the ground for the meeting between the Taoiseach and the Prime Minister by exploring ways of giving substance to the "unique relationship". In the course of the meeting the Irish Ambassador made what was clearly a carefully prepared statement about the broad approach which the Taoiseach would wish to adopt. He underlined the importance the Taoiseach attached to new and close political cooperation between the two governments, but his prime concern was with the search for enduring peace and stability in Northern Ireland and "within these islands". While the Taoiseach would be anxious to have a broad discussion, his main aim would be to make some advance over the continuing grave situation in the North. The Irish Government had been in no way dismissive of the British Government's political initiative: they merely thought it inadequate. Their assessment was that it was highly unlikely that the continuing discussions between the Northern Ireland Secretary and the political leaders in Northern Ireland would be able to establish a worthwhile measure of agreement. In the Irish Government's view, the only way of making progress would be to raise the issue to an intergovernmental level, with the involvement of the political leaders in Northern Ireland. It was of course for the British Government to decide when to draw conclusions from the current discussions. The Taoiseach had in mind that when he saw the Prime Minister he would propose that "at an appropriate date, following the drawing of these conclusions", a conference should be convened between the two governments and the Northern Ireland political parties to discuss the three dimensions of the problem: relations between the communities in Northern Ireland; between the North and the South; and between Dublin and London.

/In reply

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In reply British officials said that they hoped the Irish Government were in no doubt that for the British Government to accept any such proposal would represent a very significant reversal of policy; and that they could see no grounds on which such a reversal could be recommended. But this was not the only obstacle: had the Irish any grounds for supposing that leaders of Unionist opinion in Northern Ireland would be ready even to contemplate attending such a conference? There was no reply.

The idea of a conference has been a central plank in the SDLP's policy for some time, and it is no surprise that the Taoiseach should have decided to press for it. If he could secure British endorsement of the idea, he could certainly expect to derive considerable advantage in domestic political terms. However, informal exchanges with Irish officials over the weekend suggest that the Taoiseach himself is in no doubt as to the Prime Minister's likely response to the proposal for a conference; that he is not at present looking for a confrontation; and that he would not necessarily envisage any publicity being given, at least for the time being, to his having put the proposal to the Prime Minister. Officials in the FCO and the NIO will of course be giving a good deal of thought to how we can best hope to head the Irish off. And there will be further opportunities to explore these matters with the Irish before briefing for the Prime Minister/Taoiseach meeting has to be prepared.

A. Officials have naturally stressed to the Irish the need to ensure that the Northern Ireland problem was not allowed to dominate the meeting between the Prime Minister and the Taoiseach. The Irish accepted this, and there seem to be several areas (eg Transport, Energy and European Community issues) in which there would be scope for useful exchanges at Ministerial level. It ought therefore to be possible to devise an adequate and balanced agenda. As regards Ministerial attendance it would seem appropriate for the Prime Minister to be accompanied by the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary and the Northern Ireland Secretary. It would also be open to the Prime Minister to take one or two other Ministers who had business to transact with their opposite numbers. But the Irish left us with the impression, without saying so in terms, that the Taoiseach is not much in favour of this idea, and would prefer other Ministers to meet separately from and perhaps in advance of the summit. It would be helpful to know the Prime Minister's preference on this point, which was left unresolved pending a firm decision as regards dates.

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(Northern Ireland Office) and David Wright (Cabinet
Office).

Yours ~~tr~~

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Paul'.

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From the Private Secretary

11 September 1980

Meeting between the Prime Minister
and Mr. Haughey

I have discussed with the Prime Minister Myles Wickstead's letter to me of 9 September about the Prime Minister's visit to Dublin. As you know, the Prime Minister was unable to offer the Taoiseach any other dates in November. It would, however, be possible for the Prime Minister either to make a visit to Dublin on 8 December, returning the same day and lunching in Dublin, or to go to Dublin on the afternoon of 8 December, staying overnight and returning the following morning. It would be essential for the Prime Minister to be back in London by noon on 9 December. Perhaps you could let me know whether these dates are possible for the Irish and, if so, which alternative they would prefer.

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