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IRISH EVENTS

Action Outstanding (in no particular order)

Prime Minister wants next-of-kin addresses for the soldiers
killed. She has been told that Mr. Atkins usually writes
himself.

Funeral and associated arrangements to be confirmed.

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Court mourning until the day of the funeral (inclusive). Half-
masting tomorrow (Tuesday) and on the day of the funeral.
Arrangements being made for RAF VC10 to collect the body.
Irish State Pathologist examining the body tonight and current
prospect is that it should be released after tomorrow morning.

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If available, the Prime Minister would like Mr. Pym to join
her 1100 meeting.

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Information passed on

I spoke to Robin Haydon after he had been to Sligo. He had been in touch with the hospital administrator and matron, and Lady Pamela Hicks and the Duke of Abercorn. I reported the latest information on the four casualties in hospital, and arrangements made with Haydon's assistance to get Abercorn across the border in order to bring back surgeons from the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast.

I have been in touch with the Lord Chamberlain's Office although no firm arrangements could be made at this stage.

I have been in touch with Martin Vile, and informed him of tentative plans for Lord Mountbatten's funeral and associated arrangements.

FCO asked to cable Sir D. Tebbit in Canberra to request discreet surveillance of Carol Thatcher in view of IRA Australian activity reported at the time of the Prime Minister's visit. This was cleared with the Home Office first.

Statement on the death of Lord Mountbatten, and the first statement on terrorist incidents, issued from 10 Downing Street - texts attached.

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I told the Prime Minister of the message from the Taoiseach.
Mr. Haydon reports that this was delayed because of inadequate
communications with Mr. Lynch on holiday in Portugal. The
Irish are now seeking maximum publicity for it. Text now
in the attached folder - not transmitted to Chequers.

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MESSAGE TO THE PRIME MINISTER FROM THE TAOISEACH

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"I was horrified and saddened at the news of the murder of Earl Mountbatten of Burma, his grandson Nicholas Brabourne and his employee, Paul Maxwell, at the hands of the provisional IRA who have admitted responsibility.

This subversive organisation has brought death and sorrow to many thousands of innocent people and shame to all true Irish men and women.

I extend to you and to your colleagues in Government my deepest sympathy.

John Lynch, Taoiseach"

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cf NIO
cf FCO