



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Dr. FitzGerald,

I was most grateful for your letter of congratulations and for your good wishes.

Our common membership of the European Community has added a valuable extra dimension to the relationship between the United Kingdom and Ireland. I share your view that it is important for us both that Britain should exert a strong and positive influence in the Community. And our shared hopes for Europe should help to bring us together in another vital aspiration - peace in Northern Ireland.

*Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher*

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