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FM FCO 011845Z AUG 79
TO FLASH DUBLIN
TELNO 109 OF 1 SEPT 79.

**PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE**

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SEE MY TELNO 107.

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF A LETTER DATED 1 SEPTEMBER FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO MR JOHN LYNCH TD, AN TAOISEACH.

BEGINS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF 30 AUGUST. I AM LOOKING FORWARD VERY MUCH TO SEEING YOU.

RECENT TRAGIC EVENTS HAVE DELAYED MY REPLY TO YOUR KIND INVITATION OF 24 AUGUST TO HAVE TALKS WITH YOU IN DUBLIN IN YOUR CAPACITY AS PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL AS WELL AS ON NORTHERN IRELAND QUESTIONS.

I SUGGESTED IN MY LETTER OF 30 AUGUST THAT WE SHOULD MEET DURING YOUR VISIT TO LONDON NEXT WEEK TO DISCUSS LORD MOUNTBATTEN'S HORRIFYING MURDER AND ITS IMPLICATIONS. I THOUGHT I MIGHT ALSO TAKE UP YOUR KIND INVITATION TO DISCUSS EUROPEAN COMMUNITY TOPICS. I PROPOSE THEREFORE THAT WE DISCUSS EEC AND OTHER QUESTIONS OF THIS KIND OVER LUNCH. AFTER THAT WE SHOULD HAVE A PRIVATE TALK BEFORE WE ARE JOINED BY OUR COLLEAGUES TO DISCUSS CROSS-BORDER SECURITY MATTERS.

I KNOW THAT WE ARE BOTH EQUALLY ANXIOUS TO STAMP OUT TERRORISM. I HOPE THAT THESE ARRANGEMENTS ARE IN LINE WITH WHAT YOU TOO HAD IN MIND.

ENDS

CARRINGTON

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