Classification and Caveats Precedence/Duskby RESTRICTED IMMEDIATE ZCZC PRIME MINISTER'S GRS PERSONAL MESSAGE 135 RESTRICTED EVEATS SERIAL NO. TIOO/M 501:0730Z ISKBY # FCO FM FCO RE/ADD TO IMMEDIATE DUBLIN EL NO TELEGRAM NUMBER IRISH ELECTION: CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES 1. Please deliver the following messages as soon as possible:-10 From the Prime Minister to Dr Fitzgerald:-"Please accept my sincere congratulations on your election as 12 Taoiseach. I am confident that the close relations between 13 our two countries will continue to develop and I look forward 14 15 to working with you to the mutual benefit of all the people in our two countries. 16 17 Margaret Thatcher" 18 From Prime Minister to Mr Haughey:-19 "I would like to send my best wishes and thanks for all your 20 help in the time we have worked together, both on the problems of our two countries and in the European Community. I believe 21 111 22 that we made some progress towards the common goal of peace and reconciliation, in Northern Ireland. I retain the greatest 11 23 forefront of our minds. 24 25 Margaret Thatcher" Let Gred by Private offw Comis to NIO (c) Catchword NNNN ends BLANK /From telegram File number Dept Distribution RID RID News Dent Drafted by (Block capitals) Dufo Dept P K C THOMAS PPAPS Telephone number PS/LPS 233 3654 PS/Fus Authorised for despatch

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