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Prime Minister

There is, perhaps, an implication
that next week's meeting will
make a subsequent bilateral in Dublin
unnecessary.

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PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
SERIAL No. T92/79

To The Rt. Hon. Mrs Margaret Thatcher, M.P.
Prime Minister

Thank you for your message conveyed to me today by the British Ambassador. I have in fact had the Lord Chamberlain informed that, accompanied by my wife, I propose to represent my Government at the funeral and Memorial Service for Earl Mountbatten in London next Wednesday.

You will be aware that some days before the recent tragic events, I had caused exploratory enquiries to be made in London as to your availability for a meeting in Dublin to discuss Northern Ireland and other matters of mutual interest, possibly in October next. I agree, of course, that a very early meeting is now desirable and I am accordingly happy to accept your invitation to hold such a meeting on the occasion of my journey to London next week. I would hope that our discussions will pave the way for worthwhile progress in the various closely related areas relevant to ending the violence which has brought grief to so many homes throughout Ireland and in Britain over the last ten years.

John Lynch
Taoiseach

30th August 1979