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MR COLES

Irish Summit

I was authorised to say to Mr Nally, when he was here on other business yesterday, that the Prime Minister would find it difficult to go to Dublin for the summit meeting on 7 November, and hoped that the Taoiseach would be prepared to come either to London or to ~~Cheshers~~.

2. Mr Nally has now confirmed the Taoiseach's acceptance of the Prime Minister's invitation to ~~Cheshers~~.

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Approved by
ROBERT ARMSTRONG
and signed in his absence

26 July 1983

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

30 June 1983

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Dear John,

Anglo-Irish Summit

Thank you for your letter of 27 June. We have agreed with Sir Robert Armstrong that the best way of putting the date you propose to the Irish Government would be for Sir Robert to raise it with Mr Nally when he sees him in connection with the AIIC Steering Group meeting to be held on 11 July.

We shall, of course, ensure that knowledge of the proposal is strictly limited, as you ask.

I am copying this letter to Richard Hatfield and John Lyon.

Your eyes
John Holmes

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From the Private Secretary

27 June 1983

ANGLO-IRISH SUMMIT

As you know, when the Prime Minister met Dr. Fitzgerald in Stuttgart recently she agreed that we would consider holding an Anglo-Irish Summit in London in the autumn and before the Forum completed its work.

I have discussed possible dates with the Prime Minister. The most convenient day for her would be Monday, 7 November. We would envisage a programme on the usual lines comprising, essentially, talks on the morning of 7 November, followed by lunch.

I should be grateful if this proposal could be put to the Irish Government at a suitable moment. For security reasons, we would not envisage any prior announcement of the visit. This consideration also means that maximum protection should be given to all arrangements for the visit. I should therefore be grateful if you, Richard Hatfield and John Lyon, to whom I am copying this letter, could ensure that knowledge of the proposal is strictly limited to those who have an essential need to know of it.

A. J. COLES

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