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TO IMMEDIATE FCO

TELEGRAM NUMBER 313 OF 27 OCTOBER 1983

YOUR TELNOS 135 TO 138: ANGLO-IRISH SUMMIT: PROGRAMME

1. I CALLED ON NALLY OF THE TAOISEACH'S OFFICE TODAY AND HANDED HIM THE PROGRAMME CONTAINED IN YOUR TELNO 136. I ALSO DISCUSSED OTHER DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS.

2. THE TAOISEACH AND MRS FITZGERALD INTEND TO FLY TO MANCHESTER ON FRIDAY, 4 NOVEMBER, POSSIBLY ACCOMPANIED BY DONLON AND LILLIS, TO SEE THEIR DAUGHTER. THEY WILL PROBABLY FLY BY COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT. ALTHOUGH THIS PART OF THE VISIT IS PRIVATE, YOU WILL WISH TO OFFER APPROPRIATE COURTESIES AND I HOPE THAT A SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE COULD BE AT MANCHESTER AIRPORT. I SHOULD LIKE TO BE THERE MYSELF IF MY OTHER DUTIES PERMIT.

3. THEY WILL MOVE TO THE IRISH EMBASSY, LONDON, WHERE THEY WILL BE STAYING, ON SATURDAY AND THE OTHER OFFICIALS WILL ARRIVE IN LONDON ON SUNDAY. THEY WILL SPEND THE WEEKEND PRIVATELY. THEY ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE OFFER OF HOSPITALITY AND ACCOMODATION FOR OFFICIALS, BUT THE IRISH THINK IT BEST TO MAKE THEIR OWN ARRANGEMENTS. MRS FITZGERALD WILL PROBABLY NOT REQUIRE ANY PROGRAMME AT ALL, BUT SHE HAS STILL TO BE CONSULTED. THE IRISH WOULD WELCOME HELP WITH TRANSPORT TO AND FROM CHEQUERS.

4. THE OFFICIAL PARTY WILL IN PROTOCOL ORDER .CONSIST OF:

- TAOISEACH.
- TANAISTE
- MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS (bony)
- DERMOT NALLY, DEPARTMENT OF THE TAOISEACH
- SEAN DONLON, SECRETARY, DFA
- NOEL DORR, AMBASSADOR
- MICHAEL LILLIS, ASSISTANT SECRETARY, DFA
- PETER PRENDERGAST, GOVERNMENT PRESS OFFICER
- BRIAN MCCARTHY, DEPT OF TAOISEACH
- DECLAN KELLY, PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE TAOISEACH.

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I EXPLAINED THAT THE LUNCH TABLE WOULD ONLY HOLD 18. WE AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR MCCARTHY AND KELLY TO TO LUNCH ELSEWHERE, RATHER THAN TO EXCLUDE ONE LONELY OFFICIAL. BOTH ARE OF COUNSELLOR RANK.

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5. THE IRISH SIDE HOPE THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR THE TANAISTE TO MEET MR KINNOCK ON THE MORNING OF 7 NOVEMBER AND TO ARRIVE AT CHEQUERS ONLY AT MID-DAY. THEY WOULD LIKE THE TETE-A-TETE TO LAST UNTIL THEN AND SUGGEST THAT THERE SHOULD THEN BE A PHOTO CALL FOR THE PRIME MINISTER WITH THE TAOISEACH AND THE TANAISTE, AND ALSO FOR ALL THE MINISTERS, AT 12 NOON. THEY SUGGEST THAT THE PLENARY TAKE PLACE IMMEDIATELY AFTER. IF THEY CANNOT FIND ANOTHER ENGAGEMENT FOR THE TANAISTE, THEN HE WILL JOIN MR BARRY FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH YOU AND MR PRIOR AT 1000 HOURS. THEY WILL LET ME KNOW MR SPRING'S PLANS LATER.

6. DR FITZGERALD WISHES TO HOLD A PRESS BRIEFING AT THE IRISH EMBASSY LATER IN THE AFTERNOON. HE DOES NOT WISH TO USE RAF HALTON. HE DOES NOT HAVE IT IN MIND TO PROPOSE A JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE WITH MRS THATCHER.

7. HE WOULD PREFER THE TETE-A-TETE TO BE HELD WITHOUT NOTETAKERS, BUT WOULD NO DOUBT FALL IN WITH THE PRIME MINISTER'S WISHES IF SHE SUGGESTED THAT NOTETAKERS BE PRESENT FOR PART OF THE TIME.

8. NALLY SAID HE HOPED WE DID NOT REGARD THE DEPARTURE TIME OF 1430 AS RIGID. I TOOK NOTE.

9. THE TAOISEACH ALSO WISHES TO MEET MR KINNOCK, MR STEEL AND DR OWEN. HE IS CONSIDERING A PROPOSAL THAT HE MEET THE ANGLO-IRISH PARLIAMENTARY GROUP. THESE PROPOSALS ARE BEING PURSUED BY THE IRISH EMBASSY IN LONDON. HE HAS NOT YET FIXED THESE ENGAGEMENTS AND IT IS UNCERTAIN, THEREFORE, WHETHER HE WILL RETURN TO DUBLIN ON THE EVENING OF 7 NOVEMBER OR ON 8 NOVEMBER. IT IS EQUALLY UNCERTAIN WHETHER HE WILL RETURN BY COMMERCIAL OR PRIVATE AIRCRAFT. HIS OFFICE WILL LET ME KNOW IN DUE COURSE.

10. MIFT RECORDS DISCUSSION OF THE AGENDA.

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YOUR TELNO 138 AND MIPT: ANGLO-IRISH SUMMIT: AGENDA

1. I ASKED NALLY OF THE TAOISEACH'S OFFICE WHAT TOPICS HE THOUGHT THE TAOISEACH WOULD WISH TO DISCUSS WITH THE PRIME MINISTER.

2. HE SAID THAT HE THOUGHT THAT IN THE PERIOD BEFORE ATHENS AND BEFORE THE REPORT OF THE FORUM, THE TAOISEACH WOULD BE LOOKING FOR A RELATIVELY RELAXED DISCUSSION OF THE LONG-TERM POSSIBILITIES FOR CHANGE RATHER THAN VERY SPECIFIC ISSUES. HE THOUGHT THE FOLLOWING TOPICS WOULD BE RAISED:

(A) NORTHERN IRELAND. THE TAOISEACH WAS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE DETERIORATION OF THE POSITION OF THE SDLP. HE WOULD WISH TO DISCUSS MEANS OF SECURING THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE MINORITY IN THE NORTH WITH THE INSTITUTIONS OF GOVERNMENT AND WITH THE MAINTENANCE OF SECURITY. HE WOULD NO DOUBT TELL THE PRIME MINISTER ABOUT THE FORUM. SINCE, HOWEVER, THIS WAS AN INTER-PARTY AFFAIR AND NOT A GOVERNMENTAL ONE, HE HOPED THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD NOT TELL THE PRESS AFTERWARDS THAT THE FORUM HAD BEEN DISCUSSED. HE WOULD WANT TO ALLUDE TO SECURITY MATTERS AND PERHAPS EXTRADITION. I SAID THAT IT WOULD BE ESSENTIAL FROM THE PRIME MINISTER'S POINT OF VIEW THAT THEY SHOULD REFER TO SECURITY. MIPT GIVES AN ACCOUNT OF OUR DISCUSSION OF THE NANGLE AFFAIR. HE HOPED IT WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY TO RAISE THIS AGAIN WITH THE PRIME MINISTER.

(B) BILATERAL ISSUES. HE WOULD WANT TO DISCUSS HOW THE AHC COULD BE MAINTAINED AND DEVELOPED. HE WOULD ALSO WANT TO RAISE THE PARLIAMENTARY TIER.

(C) COMMUNITY MATTERS. IT WAS DOMESTICALLY NECESSARY FOR HIM TO BE ABLE TO SAY AFTERWARDS THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED MILK WITH THE PRIME MINISTER. HE WOULD ALSO WISH TO DISCUSS THE FORTHCOMING ATHENS SUMMIT IN GENERAL TERMS AND THE PROSPECTS FOR THE COMMUNITY. I SAID I BELIEVED THAT THE PRIME MINISTER MIGHT WELL WISH TO RAISE SOME COMMUNITY ISSUES.

(D) WORLD ECONOMIC PROSPECTS, ON WHICH THE TAOISEACH WOULD NO DOUBT BE GLAD OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S VIEWS.

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3. I HOPE TO SEE THE TAOISEACH MYSELF, PERHAPS NEXT WEEK, AND TO EXPLORE FURTHER WHAT HE HAS IN MIND.

4. AS FOR YOUR AND MR PRIORS DISCUSSIONS WITH MR BARRY, WE AGREED THAT YOU WOULD PROBABLY WISH TO DISCUSS CURRENT INTERNATIONAL ISSUES, SOME COMMUNITY MATTERS AND, PERHAPS, OTHER BILATERAL MATTERS. THESE COULD INCLUDE KINSALE GAS, THE ELECTRICITY INTER-CONNECTORS, SECURITY AND ANY OTHER POINTS ARISING FROM THE REPORT ON THE JOINT STUDIES. NALLY SAID THAT MR BARRY MIGHT ALSO WISH TO ASK MR PRIOR WHETHER HE HAD ANY NEW INITIATIVES IN MIND AND HOW HE VIEWED THE ASSEMBLY AT PRESENT.

5. YOU MAY WISH TO DRAW ON THE ABOVE TO AMEND PARAGRAPH 12 OF THE DRAFT GENERAL BRIEF CONTAINED IN YOUR TUR.

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MIPT (NOT TO ALL): ANGLO-IRISH SUMMIT: AGENDA

1. WHEN I CALLED ON NALLY OF THE TAOISEACH'S OFFICE TO DISCUSS THE AGENDA, HE SAID HE HOPED THAT THE TAOISEACH WOULD NOT BE FORCED TO RAISE ONCE AGAIN WITH THE PRIME MINISTER THE AFFAIR OF GARDA NANGLE. I SAID I HOPED NOT TOO. MR WREN'S LETTER HAD BEEN A HELPFUL INITIATIVE AND I HOPED THAT SIR JOHN HERMAN WOULD BE REPLYING TO IT, HAVING MADE CERTAIN ENQUIRIES, BEFORE THE END OF OCTOBER. NO DOUBT THAT LETTER MIGHT NOT CONTAIN ALL THAT THE IRISH HOPED FOR, BUT I BELIEVED IT COULD AND SHOULD LEAD TO RENEWED DIALOGUE. NALLY SAID THAT THIS WAS VERY MUCH WHAT THEY WANTED.

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