



10 DOWNING STREET

*From the Private Secretary*

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

ANGLO-IRISH RELATIONS: FORTHCOMING SUMMIT

The Prime Minister agrees generally with the arrangements for the Summit proposed in your minute A084/2949 of 5 November, notably the need to restrict attendance as closely as possible on both sides.

Subject to building work at Chequers being completed on time (which it should be), the Prime Minister will invite the Taoiseach, the Tanaiste and Mr Barry to stay overnight at Chequers, as well as the Foreign Secretary and the Northern Ireland Secretary. Other members of both delegations will need to find accommodation in hotels locally or return to London.

I have not yet consulted the Prime Minister on whether she will wish to give a press conference on her return to London at the end of the Summit. Mr Ingham's advice is that she should.

I shall be writing to the departments concerned about the arrangements. I attach the letter which I propose to send in case you have any comments.

Charles Powell

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