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DR FITZGERALD'S VISIT TO LONDON ON 27 JUNE

1. LILLIS TOLD ME TODAY THAT DR FITZGERALD WISHED THE PRIME MINISTER TO KNOW THAT IN CONVERSATION WITH MR KINNOCK, MR STEEL, AND DR OWEN HE HAD STRESSED HIS WISH THAT ANGLO-IRISH RELATIONS SHOULD NOT BECOME AN OBJECT OF PARTY CONTROVERSY IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND HIS HOPE THAT IN MONDAY'S DEBATE THE OPPOSITION WOULD FIND IT POSSIBLE TO GIVE THE PRIME MINISTER SOME SUPPORT. THEY GAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THEY UNDERSTOOD.

2. LILLIS ADDED THAT HE HOPED WE WOULD NOT ATTACH IMPORTANCE TO THE DOCUMENT ON IRISH UNITY BY CONSENT WHICH MR KINNOCK AND MR SPRING HAD SIGNED LAST WEEK. IT SHOULD CERTAINLY NOT BE TAKEN AS REPRESENTING THE VIEWS OF THE IRISH GOVERNMENT. SO FAR AS HE KNEW IT HAD BEEN DRAFTED IN LONDON AND MR SPRING HAD SIGNED IT WITHOUT DISCUSSING IT.

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