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*From the Private Secretary*

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

Anglo-Irish Relations: Northern Ireland

The Prime Minister has read with interest your minute of 24 September reporting on your latest round of talks with Mr. Nally in Dublin. She is worried, however, that the pace of these talks is being forced too hard. Against the background of her last visit to Dublin, the Unionists will be particularly suspicious of this one. She thinks therefore that the Anglo-Irish Summit in mid November is too soon to have to confront a package on which decisions would be expected.

The Prime Minister would like an early discussion of the future handling of these talks. We shall try to find a date next week.

I am sending copies of this minute to the Private Secretaries to the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary and the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, to Sir Antony Acland, Mr. Robert Andrew, Mr. David Goodall and Sir Philip Woodfield.

(C.D. POWELL)

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