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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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Dear Charles,

NAPT

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Capture of PIRA Shipment by the Irish Navy

My letter of 1 October proposing a Prime Ministerial message to Dr FitzGerald was I fear in one respect inaccurate: it was misleading in that it repeated inaccurate press reports stating that the United States authorities were involved in this action.

I am writing now to say that we have since been told by the Security Services that the Americans were not involved at any stage, and indeed are rather annoyed at the press speculation that they were. You may wish to correct your files on this point.

I am copying this to Graham Sandiford (NIO).

Yours ever,

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