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*Prime Minister  
Agree that Douglas  
Hurd should meet  
Mr. Barry?  
(It might be quite useful in  
helping to scale down  
Irish expectations of  
the summit). CDP 57X.*

5<sup>th</sup> October 1984

*Dear Charles,*

*Meet  
no*

MEETING WITH THE IRISH MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Mr Hurd has not yet met Mr Barry, the Irish Minister for Foreign Affairs. Both Mr Hurd and Mr Barry would welcome an early meeting although the earliest convenient date for both parties would be 25 October in Dublin. The purpose of the meeting would be for the two Ministers to get to know each other and to discuss political and security matters of common concern. The meeting would inevitably be seen, in part at least, as preparation for the Prime Minister's meeting with Dr FitzGerald in November, and could be used to discuss points which need to be developed before that meeting. As the Prime Minister will recall, Mr Prior met Mr Barry regularly.

I would be grateful if you would seek the Prime Minister's approval for Mr Hurd to meet Mr Barry on 25 October.

I am copying this letter to Len Appleyard and Richard Hatfield.

*Yours sincerely,*

*Graham Sandiford*

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