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PRIME MINISTER'S

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THE PRIME MINISTER

4 December 1979

Dear Prime Minister

Thank you so much for your kindness in arranging, yet again, for a most attractive basket of flowers to greet me on my arrival - this time in Dublin.

Thank you also for the helpful role you played at some of the more difficult moments during the discussions on Thursday and Friday. I was most grateful.

We now have an opportunity to resolve the question of Britain's budgetary contribution: I am confident the opportunity will be taken.

I look forward to receiving you in London in the New Year. My office will be getting in touch shortly to suggest a date.

Yours sincerely

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His Excellency Signor Francesco Cossiga.

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