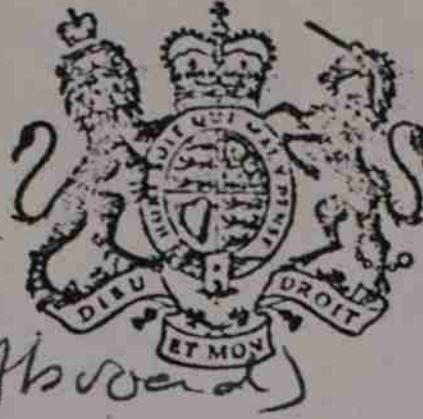


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Dear Taoiseach

I am writing to express my admiration for the splendid organisation of the European Council meeting in Dublin on Thursday and Friday. It must have involved a tremendous effort on the part of all concerned. They are to be congratulated.

I am particularly grateful for the trouble taken to safeguard my security and that of other members of my party. I should be grateful if my thanks could be passed on to those concerned.

I owe you my personal thanks also for your helpful Chairmanship of the meetings of the Council. I regret that a greater measure of agreement could not be achieved on the question of Britain's budgetary contribution but I hope that it may prove possible to resolve the matter when the Council next meets.

Finally, thank you for your two gifts. The book about Irish art is most attractive, and the photograph album is beautifully produced

Yours sincerely

MT

Mr. Jack Lynch, TD An Taoiseach.