



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

5 October 1984

Dear Sir,

Anglo/Irish Summit

It was agreed when Dr. Fitzgerald visited London on 3 September that the next Anglo/Irish Summit should be held on 19 November. The venue was left open.

I understand from Sir Robert Armstrong that the Irish Government propose that the Summit should be held at Ashford Castle, where President Reagan stayed during his visit to the Republic. The Prime Minister is agreeable to this. I should be grateful if, in consultation with the Cabinet Office, you could arrange for the Irish authorities to be informed.

We also need to decide the detailed arrangements. The Prime Minister would prefer if possible to go there and back on 19 November. But she would be ready if necessary to fly to Ireland on the evening of 18 November for a dinner. In that case she would expect the Summit to finish at lunchtime on 19 November and to return immediately thereafter to the United Kingdom. I should be grateful if this could be explored further with the Irish Government. We shall also need to settle the composition of the UK delegation for the Summit. I should be grateful for a recommendation in due course.

Knowledge of the precise date of the Summit should be held very closely and no announcement made without consulting the Prime Minister.

I am sending copies of this letter to Graham Sandiford (Northern Ireland Office) and Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

Yours sincerely

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Prime Minister
Agree?
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MR ~~POWELL~~

Anglo-Irish Summit

I understand that the venue which the Irish Government have in mind for the Anglo-Irish Summit on 19 November is Ashford Castle, which is where President Reagan stayed on his visit to Ireland. It will involve flying to Shannon Airport and taking helicopters from there to Ashford Castle. I am assured that it would make a very agreeable venue; and of course it would avoid the Prime Minister having to pay two visits to Dublin in quick succession.

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Approved by
ROBERT ARMSTRONG
and signed in his absence.

4 October 1984

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