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Dear Charles,

EC HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING AT LUXEMBOURG - 1 DECEMBER

I understand that the Prime Minister may meet Dr FitzGerald on Saturday 1 December in the margin of the European Community Heads of Government Meeting in Luxembourg, but that she is unlikely to be able to speak to him for long in private.

If the Prime Minister does have the opportunity to speak to Dr FitzGerald, she may wish to give him impressions of the debate in the House on the Anglo-Irish Agreement and explain the need which Ministers see to reassure the Unionists. She may also wish to emphasise that we hope the first meeting of the Intergovernmental Conference will be a positive development for both communities. In particular we hope that it will have some positive elements for Unionists (eg in the security field) which might help to assuage their present hostility. (The first meeting of the Intergovernmental Conference is likely to be on 11 December and officials are already discussing arrangements with the Irish.)

I am copying this letter to Len Appleyard and Michael Stark.

Yours Sincerely  
Neil Ward.

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