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Dear Michael,

Announcement of Taoiseach's Visit

The Irish wish to make a statement in the following terms in answer to a question in the Dail at about 2.30 this afternoon:

'The Taoiseach, accompanied by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, will be visiting London for talks with the Prime Minister and other British Ministers on 21 May. The talks will cover bilateral questions and European and international issues.'

The FCO and the NIO are content. You confirmed by telephone that you were content with this. The statement might most appropriately be issued at the 4pm lobby at No 10 today.

Yours etc

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