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From the Private Secretary

30 August, 1984

ANGLO-IRISH SUMMIT

Dublin telegram No. 415 about the Prime Minister's forthcoming meeting with Dr. FitzGerald predicts that the Taoiseach will want to agree a date for an Anglo-Irish Summit this autumn, and will hope to persuade the Prime Minister to come to Ireland for it.

I have consulted the Prime Minister about this. The best, indeed virtually the only available date from her point of view is Monday, 19 November and she will be ready to propose this to Dr. FitzGerald. The Prime Minister is emphatic, however, that she does not wish to go to Dublin for the meeting, bearing in mind that she will anyway have to go there shortly afterwards for the European Council. The Prime Minister will herself make this clear to Dr. FitzGerald but it would be helpful if HM Ambassador at Dublin could prepare the ground.

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

(C.D. Powell)

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PRIME MINISTER

When you see Dr FitzGerald next week he is likely to try to get you to agree a date for an Anglo/Irish Summit this Autumn (see attached telegram). He will want this to be in Dublin. The Northern Ireland Secretary has said publicly that a Summit will take place before the end of this year.

Looking at your diary the possible dates would be:

Monday 19 November

Friday 23 November (but the Carlton Lecture is on 26 November)

Wednesday 5 December (but right after the European Council on 3/4 December)

Monday 19 November looks the best bet. Agree?

*Yes - but I do not want to go to Dublin -
because in mind I shall
be there for the
E.E.C. Summit.
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C.D.P.

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TO IMMEDIATE FCO
TELEGRAM NUMBER 415 OF 28 AUGUST 1984

YOUR TELNO 156: MEETING WITH DR FITZGERALD

1. THE TAOISEACH AGREES THAT HIS VISIT SHOULD BE ANNOUNCED ON 29 AUGUST. THE WORDS "THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE IRISH REPUBLIC" IN YOUR DRAFT TEXT SHOULD BE REPLACED BY "THE TAOISEACH".
2. THE TAOISEACH PROPOSES THAT HE AND THE PRIME MINISTER, PERHAPS EACH ACCOMPANIED BY ONE OFFICIAL, SHOULD DISCUSS ANGLO/IRISH RELATIONS FOR AN HOUR FROM NOON ONWARDS. MEANWHILE, THE REST OF HIS PARTY WOULD DISCUSS COMMUNITY MATTERS WITH THE BRITISH SIDE, WHICH WOULD BE PURSUED FURTHER AT LUNCH. THE HOPE HERE IS THAT THE COMMUNITY BUSINESS COULD BE DISPOSED OF FAIRLY EXPEDITIOUSLY.
3. DURING THE DISCUSSION ON ANGLO/IRISH RELATIONS THE TAOISEACH HOPES THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO FIX A DATE FOR A SUMMIT LATER THIS YEAR. HE HOPES THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WILL AGREE THAT THE MONTH IN WHICH THE SUMMIT IS TO TAKE PLACE WOULD BE ANNOUNCED AT ONCE. (I AM SURE HE ALSO HOPES THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WILL COMMIT HERSELF TO COMING TO IRELAND FOR THE SUMMIT.)
4. THE IRISH TEAM WILL CONSIST OF THE FINANCE MINISTER, MR DUKES, IF THE CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER IS TO BE PRESENT, OR THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND CHAIRMAN OF THE EC BUDGET COMMITTEE, MR O'KEEFE, IF WE ARE NOT FIELDING A CABINET MINISTER, AND NALLY, DONLON, FOGARTY, LILLIS, AND THE IRISH AMBASSADOR IN LONDON, DORR.
5. GRATEFUL FOR INFORMATION ON OUR TEAM.

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