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ROUTINE BIS NEW YORK DUBLIN

MY TELNO 1753 (NOT TO DUBLIN): NORTHERN IRELAND: VISIT OF  
FRIENDS OF IRELAND

1. FOLEY'S OFFICE HAVE ASKED WHETHER IT MIGHT BE  
POSSIBLE FOR LORD GOWRIE'S LUNCH TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY  
29 MAY, RATHER THAN ON SUNDAY 30 MAY. THE REASON FOR THIS  
SEEMS TO BE THAT DOUGHERTY AND SHANNON HOPE TO BE IN LONDONDERRY  
ON THE SUNDAY. DOUGHERTY HAS FAMILY THERE.  
SPEAKER O'NEILL HAS ALSO ASKED THAT THE GROUP VISIT HUME ON  
HIS HOME GROUND.

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WE GATHER THAT THE US CONSUL GENERAL (MICHAUD) WAS TO HAVE GIVEN A LUNCH ON THE SATURDAY BUT IS HAPPY TO STAND DOWN HIS ARRANGEMENTS. HE WILL ANYWAY BE GIVING A DINNER FOR THE VISITORS THAT EVENING.

3. THE CONGRESSMEN'S PLAN IS NOW TO FLY FROM DUBLIN TO BELFAST EARLY ON SATURDAY, 29 MAY, ARRIVING AT ABOUT 1030. IF CARDINAL O'FLAICH WERE, AFTER ALL, TO BE IN NORTHER IRELAND (THIS DEPENDS ON WHETHER THE POPE'S VISIT TO ENGLAND GOES AHEAD) THE CONGRESSMENT WILL TRY TO SEE HIM EITHER IN BELFAST OR IN ARMAGH. IN THE LATTER CASE THEY WOULD LEAVE DUBLIN BY ROAD AT CRACK OF DAWN. FOLEY'S STAFF ASKED WHETHER BISHOP EAMES MIGHT BE INVITED TO LORD GOWRIE'S LUNCH. WE SAID WE THOUGHT THAT THE LUNCH WAS LIKELY TO BE THE OCCASION FOR A POLITICAL DISCUSSION AND THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER TO MAKE A SEPARATE ARRANGEMENT TO CALL ON EAMES.

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