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PRIME MINISTER'S
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THE PRIME MINISTER

4 February 1988

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I welcome Telecom Eireann's decision to land a spur of the PTAT cable. It seems to me that this is an excellent example of combined American and Anglo-Irish industrial collaboration.

*Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher*

Mr. Charles Haughey, T.D.

DRAFT LETTER FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO MR HAUGHEY

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