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## ANGLO-IRISH RELATIONS

1. WHEN I SAW THE TAOISEACH AT A SOCIAL OCCASION ON 20 JANUARY HE SAID HOW PLEASED HE WAS AT THE REPORTS HE HAD HAD OF THE MEETING BETWEEN THE PRIME MINISTER AND JOHN HUME LAST WEEK. HE HAD NOT SEEN HUME PERSONALLY SINCE THEN BUT HE KNEW THAT HUME FELT HE HAD BEEN RECEIVED WITH A GOOD DEAL OF UNDERSTANDING. DR FITZGERALD SAID THAT THIS WAS VERY IMPORTANT. THE IRISH GOVERNMENT WAS IN A SATISFACTORY SITUATION DOMESTICALLY BUT THE SDLP WERE SERIOUSLY IN DANGER OF DESTABILISATION BY THE UPS AND DOWNS OF ANGLO-IRISH RELATIONS, AND HE WAS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THEM.
2. HE ADDED THAT HE HAD GIVEN CARDINAL HUME, WHO WAS HERE THIS WEEKEND, A PRIVATE BRIEFING ON OUR RELATIONS.

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