

mtg with Taoiseach

PRIME MINISTER

Nally has now told us that the Taoiseach would like a bilateral tomorrow morning at 0900.

We have not said yes or no. But FERB and I agree that you cannot decline without risking 'Thatcher snubs FitzGerald' headlines.

I don't suppose that a meeting will yield much. But we would only need to be able to say afterwards that you had discussed developments since the Summit and continue to plan a meeting early next year.

Agree to meeting?

I will if he wishes -

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but I really think that the less said the better and that such a meeting will raise expectations with the press that cannot be fulfilled.

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I would rather say that we shall be meeting in the early months of next year when talks have been better fulfilled and