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THE PRIME MINISTER

2 January 1986

Dear Senator,

Many thanks for your kind letter of 19 November. Like you I consider the Intergovernmental Conference, and indeed the Agreement as a whole, to be a significant step in the right direction.

Among other things, I would hope that the Agreement will create a more favourable climate for consideration of the US/UK Supplementary Extradition Treaty which is currently before the Senate. Article 8 of the Agreement, which refers to the aim of underlining public confidence in the administration of justice in Northern Ireland, is particularly relevant in this respect; and you will have noticed the statement by the Taoiseach that it is the intention of his Government to accede as soon as possible to the European Convention on the Suppression of Terrorism.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

Senator Orrin G. Hatch



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31 December 1985

Dear Charles,

Anglo-Irish Agreement: Letter to the Prime Minister
from Senator Hatch

Senator Hatch has written to the Prime Minister welcoming the Anglo-Irish Agreement which he describes as "a beacon of hope to all those who seek a fair and peaceful resolution to the conflict".

Senator Hatch chaired the sub-committee to the Senate Judiciary Committee which held a hearing in November on the US/UK Supplementary Extradition Treaty. The hearing was inconclusive and Senator Hatch himself seemed undecided about the Treaty. HM Embassy Washington has advised that he might be won round to supporting it if the Prime Minister (whom he greatly admires, particularly since his call on her on 6 November) were to write to thank him for his comments and to express the hope that the Agreement will create a more favourable climate for consideration of the Treaty in the Senate.

I enclose a draft reply for the Prime Minister's signature which has been agreed with the Home Office and the Northern Ireland Office. If the Prime Minister wishes we shall arrange for HM Embassy Washington to deliver her letter to Senator Hatch.

Yours ever,

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