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4^h February 1986

*Prime Minister
You normally
see Dr. Fitzgerald
at home - might
prefer to do so
on this occasion.*

Dear Charles,

VISIT TO LONDON BY DR FITZGERALD

Mr King is delighted that the Prime Minister shares his own view (and that of the Foreign Secretary) that a meeting between the Taoiseach and the Prime Minister, when the former visits London next month, would be advantageous. He believes it would give us an opportunity to reinforce our message to the Irish that the Agreement must be seen to be bringing benefits to the people of Northern Ireland as a whole if we are to gain at least a degree of acquiescence towards it on the part of the Unionists. Mr King would welcome being present at the Prime Minister's meeting. He also hopes to have the opportunity to meet separately with Dr FitzGerald and I have asked the Foreign Office to try and arrange this.

*Agree?
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Yes
No*

I am copying this letter to Len Appleyard and Michael Stark.

*Yours Sincerely
Neil Ward*

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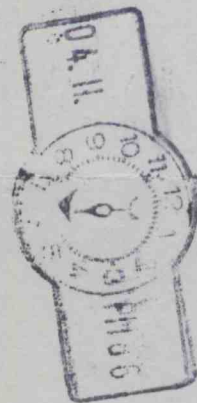
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From the Private Secretary

5 February 1986

VISIT TO LONDON BY DR. FITZGERALD

Thank you for your letter of 4 February about the Prime Minister's meeting with Dr Fitzgerald. The Prime Minister agrees with Mr King about the purpose of the meeting and will certainly take the line which he suggests. However, the Prime Minister would prefer to follow her normal practise of seeing Dr Fitzgerald alone with just note-takers present as in the past.

I am copying this letter to Len Appleyard (Foreign and Commonwealth Office) and Michael Stark (Cabinet Office).

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