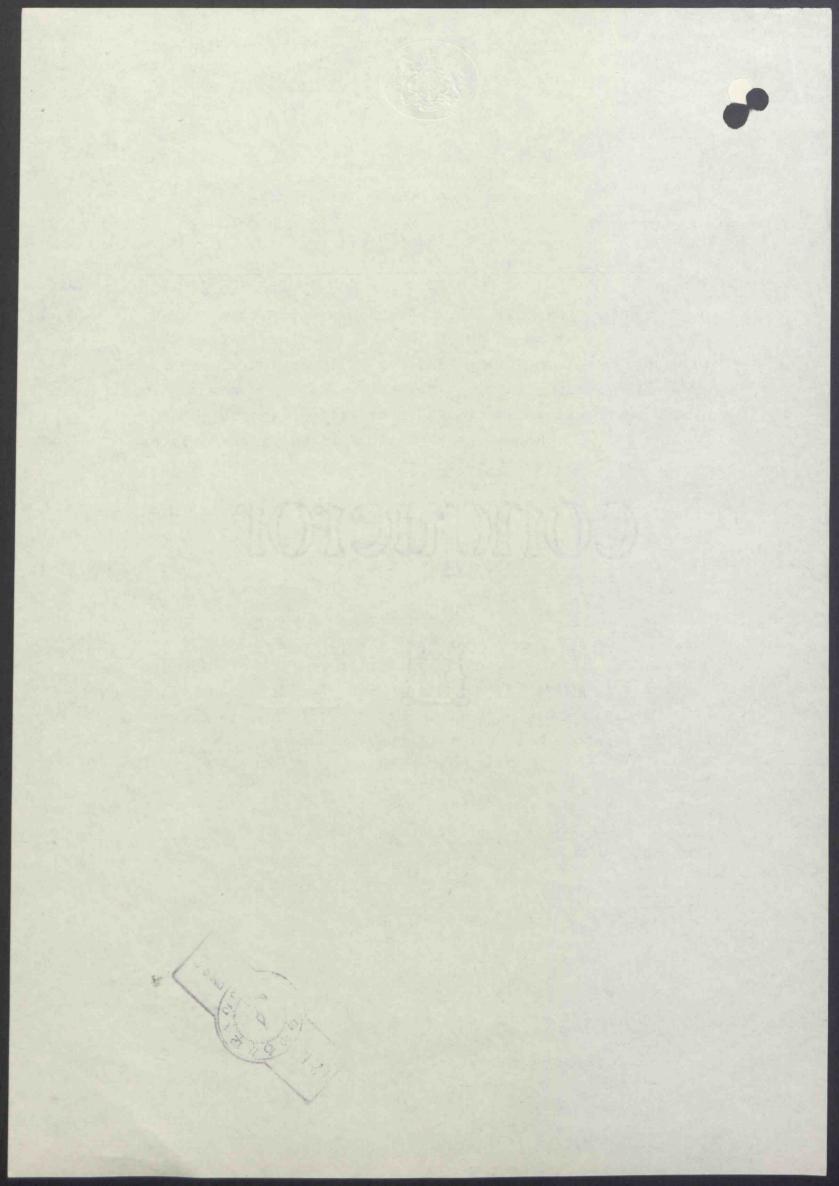
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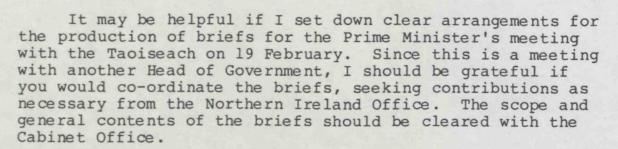
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From the Private Secretary

12 February 1986

## THE PRIME MINISTER'S MEETING WITH THE TAOISEACH ON 19 FEBRUARY



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The Prime Minister's meeting with the Taoiseach on 19 February

It may be helpful if I set down clear arrangements for the production of briefs for the Prime Minister's meeting with the Taoiseach on 19 February. this is a meeting with another Head of Government, I should be grateful if you would co-ordinate the briefs, seeking contributions as necessary from the Northern Ireland Office. The scope and general contents of the briefs should be cleared with the Cabinet Office.

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