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I think that to include RTA would considerably annoy Tom King, who is very suspicious of attempts to "muscle in" on his responsibilities.

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

At your last two meetings with the Taoiseach, you have had only a note-taker present (me). Agree to stick to this? (CD) 12/1.

Mr Nally told Sir Robert Armstrong, when they met on 7 February, that he expected to accompany the Taoiseach at the meeting with the Prime Minister on 19 February. In view of this, and given that the "Armstrong-Nally" group remains in being for occasional meetings in order to maintain a London-Dublin link, Sir Robert wonders whether the Prime Minister would agree to his attending the meeting (perhaps as an additional note-taker). He realises the relevance of the Prime Minister's ruling that the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland should not attend the meeting, but he suggests that the presence of Mr Nally, but not of Mr Barry, would justify his own presence.

2. On a different aspect, I suggest that it would be sensible to lay down clearly the arrangements for briefing for the Prime Minister's meeting with the Taoiseach. I attach a draft minute which you could send to the Private Secretaries to the Ministers most closely concerned.

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*From the Private Secretary*

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I am sending copies of this letter to Jim Daniell (Northern Ireland Office) and to David Morris (Lord Privy Seal's Office), who may wish to be involved in the preparation of briefing on Parliamentary aspects.

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