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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

11 July 1986

PRIME MINISTER'S  
PERSONAL MESSAGE  
SERIAL No. T130/86

Dear Prime Minister,

Geoffrey Howe has told me of your decision to make a contribution of NZ\$300,000 to the International Fund for Ireland. I wanted you to know at once how grateful and delighted I am by this news. Your action will help to make the International Fund truly international and I know that it will be much appreciated by the people of both parts of Ireland.

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher

The Right Honourable D. R. Lange.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

10 July 1986

*Dear Charles*

Prime Minister's Visit to Canada: 11-13 July:  
International Fund for Ireland

The FCO has given the Prime Minister a brief on the International Fund for Ireland. You will wish to draw to her attention two further pieces of news.

First, the State Department have told us in the strictest confidence that the Canadian contribution is likely to be Canadian \$2 million per year for 5 years. Secondly, the New Zealand High Commissioner wrote to the Foreign Secretary on 9 July to tell him that the New Zealand Government has agreed to make a contribution of NZ\$300,000 (about £110,000) to the Fund. The Irish Government has also been informed.

If, as our brief suggested, Mr Mulroney formally tells the Prime Minister when they meet of the Canadian contribution, she may wish to make the point in thanking him that the Canadian contribution will play a significant part in making the Fund properly international and therefore be of benefit politically to us both here and in Washington. The New Zealand Government have asked that no publicity be given to their contribution for the time being. If the Prime Minister mentions it to Mr Mulroney, she should ask him to respect her confidence. She may wish to thank Mr David Lange privately, and I enclose a draft letter for this purpose.

We still await any definite news from the Australian Government regarding a possible contribution.

*Yours ever*

*R N Culshaw*

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New Zealand Prime Minister

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