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 Is not Agreed this
 choice?
 CDP 17/8.

THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR IRELAND

Both we and the Irish are anxious to press ahead, as soon as possible after the formal agreement to establish the International Fund for Ireland is made, with the designation of a Chairman and Board members, under the arrangements which I described in my minute of 13 August.

2. In exploratory talks with the Irish, it has been agreed that the Chairman should come from the majority community in NI. We have discussed a number of possibilities and have identified Mr C (Charles) F B Brett CBE as someone who would command our confidence and that of our Irish partners in this enterprise. He is not politically (or otherwise) associated with either unionist or nationalist views. Mr Brett is 57; he is a solicitor practising in Belfast; he served as a member of the Board of the NI Housing Executive from its creation in 1971 until 1984, including an effective spell of 5 years as its Chairman; he is a distinguished writer on architectural history and a former member of the Arts Council for NI. His wife is a member of the NI Standing Advisory Commission on Human Rights.

3. I hope you will be able to approve this choice. I believe that Mr Brett will be a strong Chairman who, while maintaining his

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independence will be sensitive to the special demands of this particular post.

4. I am copying this minute to Geoffrey Howe and Sir Robert Armstrong.

MB Ward
(Private Secretary)

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(Approved by the Secretary of
State and signed in his absence
in Northern Ireland)

16 September 1986

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From the Private Secretary

18 September 1986

THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR IRELAND

The Prime Minister has considered the Northern Ireland Secretary's minute of 16 September, proposing the nomination of Mr. C.F.B. Brett as Chairman of the International Fund for Ireland. She would be content to see Mr. Brett appointed.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretary to the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

(Charles Powell)

Jim Daniell, Esq.,
Northern Ireland Office.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

The International Fund for Ireland

at 11:00

1. The Northern Ireland Secretary wrote to you on 16 September nominating Mr Charles Brett, CBE as Chairman of the Board. I strongly support the nomination.
2. I am copying this minute to Tom King and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

(GEOFFREY HOWE)

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

18 September 1986

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