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Prime Minister

We must
have a
press meeting
to discuss
today's
news.

His report shows

that cross-border

security cooperation is

a shambles. He has

still lacked the means -

and perhaps the will -

for effective cooperation.

There are serious doubts

whether the Irish can in

practice deliver what

they have agreed.

All the less reason for us

to be making concessions on
three-man courts.

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From the Private Secretary

29 September 1986

Dear David,

SECURITY CO-OPERATION WITH THE IRISH REPUBLIC

The Prime Minister has seen the JIC's note (JIC(86)(N)110) on Security Co-operation with the Irish Republic. She is very concerned by the situation which it reveals. She would like a special meeting to discuss this and what can be done to remedy it. We shall try to set this up for later in the month.

I am copying this letter to Colin Budd (Foreign and Commonwealth Office), John Howe (Ministry of Defence), Stephen Boys-Smith (Home Office) and Sir Robert Armstrong.

Yours sincerely,
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