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ANGLO-IRISH INTERGOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL (AIIC)

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3. I never saw the record of the Prime Minister's bilateral with Dr FitzGerald at the last European Council. However, I assume that this approach may be in fulfilment of the agreement at that meeting that one or two private official contacts might take place before the British Election. I assume that this dispensation would cover a meeting of the Coordinating Committee of the AIIC although it might be prudent, before agreeing, to clear this with No 10 Downing Street.

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Sir R Armstrong - to note X

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I was about to ask whether you would like us to take the initiative to put a date on the meeting agreed in principle with Nally. In view of X we did just await the call unless you would prefer to get a prior

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