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From the Secretary of the Cabinet and Permanent Secretary to the Management and Personnel Office

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Sir Robert Armstrong GCB CVO

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Following up the Prime Minister's talk with the Taoiseach in Brussels on 22 March, and pursuant to my brief subsequent conversation with Mr Nally, Mr Nally rang up just before the weekend and again today to propose a meeting of the Steering Committee of the Anglo-Irish Intergovernmental Council.

We provisionally agreed that he would come over to London for a meeting on Friday 20 May at 10.30 am. He would be accompanied by Mr Sean Donlan and Mr Wally Kirwan. Mr Nally mentioned a four point agenda:

- (i) The European Council in Stuttgart
- (ii) Resumption of Anglo-Irish contacts
- (iii) Economic Relations (North/South and East/West)
- (iv) Any Other Business (which might include the Forum, voting rights for British citizens in the Irish Republic and vice versa and anything else we chose to raise.)

It was fully understood that domestic political developments in this country might cause me later on to propose a postponement of this meeting.

Assuming that the meeting takes place, I hope that David Goodall and I will be supported by somebody from the Foreign Office (presumably Patrick Evers) and somebody from the Northern Ireland Office.

My office will be in touch about briefing arrangements.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Philip Woodfield.

ROBERT ARMSTRONG

Sir Antony Acland, KCMG, KCVO

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From the Secretary of the Cabinet and Permanent Secretary to the Management and Personnel Office

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Sir Robert Armstrong wrote to Sir Antony Acland on 3 May about plans for a visit to London by Mr Nally for a meeting of the Steering Committee of the Anglo-Irish Intergovernmental Council. This was provisionally set for Friday 20 May but, since the announcement of the General Election, Sir Robert has been in touch with Mr Nally again and they have agreed to defer this meeting. If the present Government is returned, it is likely that the meeting will be re-scheduled for some time in the second half of June. We will keep you in touch with developments.

I am sending a copy of this letter to David Brooker.

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