



10 DOWNING STREET

Mr Alison

MA 17/1

I telephoned Mr Powell.

He seemed incredulous that the date I mentioned was 16th FEBRUARY and not January, and asked if I was sure that I had got the date right. I explained that the 16th February was the date I had been given, and that it would certainly not be the 16th January (which is next Monday).

However, he wondered if you could give him a ring as he thought that it was strange to be fixing up a date 5 weeks away. I could only really say that you had asked me to telephone him and that this was the date I had, because I don't know how your earlier conversation with him went!

Can you ring him on 730-0988?

15.45. Thursday
16th February.

Prime Minister

THE RT HON J ENOCH POWELL MBE MP

Enoch regularly sends me copies of his speeches, and you may care to glance at one he has just delivered in his Constituency.

When you last saw Enoch, he offered to give you, on some more leisurely occasion, a broad-brush historical briefing about Ireland and its relation with the rest of the British Isles as he perceived the matter. He telephoned just before Christmas to remind me that his offer still stood and that he will be back in London from Northern Ireland on 10th January. If you would like me to arrange a meeting when your programme is under less pressure - perhaps during the next Parliamentary break - I will try to fix a mutually convenient time. But you are under no commitment to see him for this kind of briefing - and he is merely putting himself at your disposal.

Please let me know how you would like to proceed?

MA

MICHAEL ALISON
9.1.84

Cannot at the moment,
I'm already too full. -
- in 3 weeks or so? Say last
week in Jan
not