

PRIME MINISTERLUNCH FOR DR. FITZGERALD

You have agreed to see Dr. FitzGerald for a talk on EC budget questions on 3 September and to give him lunch. I suggest that you make it a small working lunch, ^{with} Geoffrey Howe, ~~will be in Brussels for a special Foreign Affairs Council so you might have Mr. Rifkind from the FCO, the Chancellor or the Economic Secretary, Robert Armstrong and David Williamson.~~ To avoid speculation that the purpose of the visit is to discuss Irish matters, it might be better not to have Mr. Prior (Robert Armstrong could, of course, advise on any Irish questions).

Agree a list on these lines?

Provided he agrees this is wise. He may prefer to come.

Yes

C.D.P.

6 August 1984

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From the Private Secretary

8 August 1984

Dear Peter,

Prime Minister's Meeting with Dr. FitzGerald:
3 September

I have now seen a copy of Dublin telegram 379 proposing that the Taoiseach's party on 3 September should consist of Mr. Nally, Mr. Donlon and Mr. Fogarty, plus possibly Mr. Barry.

Before this news was received, the Prime Minister had reached the provisional view that on our side those present should be the Foreign Secretary, the Chancellor or the Economic Secretary, Sir Robert Armstrong and Mr. David Williamson.

At the Prime Minister's request, we are consulting the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland (via Mr. Robert Andrew) to ascertain whether he too would wish to be present.

Yours ever,
David

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MRS. GOODCHILD

Meeting and Lunch with Dr. FitzGerald:
3 September

Further to my letter of 8 August to Peter Ricketts about attendance at the above meeting, I have now heard from the Northern Ireland Office that Mr. Prior thinks it sensible for him not to be present.

David Barclay
15 August 1984

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