



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

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ANGLO-IRISH SUMMIT

Dublin telegram No. 415 about the Prime Minister's forthcoming meeting with Dr. FitzGerald predicts that the Taoiseach will want to agree a date for an Anglo-Irish Summit this autumn, and will hope to persuade the Prime Minister to come to Ireland for it.

I have consulted the Prime Minister about this. The best, indeed virtually the only available date from her point of view is Monday, 19 November and she will be ready to propose this to Dr. FitzGerald. The Prime Minister is emphatic, however, that she does not wish to go to Dublin for the meeting, bearing in mind that she will anyway have to go there shortly afterwards for the European Council. The Prime Minister will herself make this clear to Dr. FitzGerald but it would be helpful if HM Ambassador at Dublin could prepare the ground.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Graham Sandiford (Northern Ireland Office) and to Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

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PRIME MINISTER

When you see Dr FitzGerald next week he is likely to try to get you to agree a date for an Anglo/Irish Summit this Autumn (see attached telegram). He will want this to be in Dublin. The Northern Ireland Secretary has said publicly that a Summit will take place before the end of this year.

Looking at your diary the possible dates would be:

Monday 19 November

Friday 23 November (but the Carlton Lecture is on 26 November)

Wednesday 5 December (but right after the European Council on 3/4 December)

Monday 19 November looks the best bet. Agree?

C.D.P.

Yes - but I do not want
to go to Dublin -
because I think I shall
be there for the
E.E.C. Summit.
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