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ITEM: THATCHER/FITZGERALD MEETING  
BY CHARLES E SKINNER, LPS POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

BRUSSELS (LPS): BRITAIN'S PRIME MINISTER MRS MARGARET THATCHER AND THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE IRISH REPUBLIC, DR GARRET FITZGERALD MET ON THE MARGINS OF THE EC SUMMIT HERE THIS MORNING. (30 MARCH).

THE TWO LEADERS REVIEWED PROGRESS ON THE DIALOGUE AGREED BETWEEN THEM DURING THEIR MEETING AT CHEQUERS LAST YEAR, WHICH HAS BEEN CONDUCTED AT MINISTERIAL AND OFFICIAL LEVEL.

THEY AGREED THERE WAS REAL MERIT IN CONTINUING THIS PROCESS BUT IT WAS TOO EARLY TO SEE WHAT THE OUTCOME WOULD BE. A BRITISH OFFICIAL HERE DESCRIBED IT AS A VERY GOOD MEETING. QUESTIONED ABOUT POSSIBLE TIMING OF AN ANGLO-IRISH SUMMIT, HE SAID IT WAS NOT YET POSSIBLE TO JUDGE WHEN THIS WOULD BE. (LPS)

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