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POINTS TO MAKE TO MR. HAUGHEY

1. Commiserate over his ill health.

2. Go through the reasons why we are dissatisfied with the Irish Government's performance over Ryan:

- in view of the gravity of the charges against Ryan, it was quite wrong to have ignored our request that he be held on his arrival in the Republic. It is a perfectly normal procedure to issue a provisional warrant;

- we worked very fast to get the Irish authorities all the information and documents necessary for the warrants to be backed. They were there by Saturday morning. No insufficiency in the material was brought to our attention;

- we cannot understand why it has taken so long to reach a decision;

- still hope very much that the Irish Government will back the warrant;

- this is only one of a series of incidents which underline that extradition is not working well;

- you committed yourself to changing the law if it proved unsatisfactory. Surely that is clearly demonstrated - e.g. length of time a provisional warrant is valid (3 days) is obviously inadequate, if Irish Attorney's decision cannot be made within the deadline;

- in some cases we can envisage extra-territorial jurisdiction. But it is not a substitute for extradition.

3. On other matters, you welcome the Taoiseach's reply to your message on security co-operation (particularly training in surveillance). But there are still points to be settled e.g. contacts between the army and the Gardai in an emergency.

4. You will also want to underline the measures we have taken on fair employment.

5. The Review of the working of the Anglo-Irish Agreement should proceed between Ministers.

6. Agree a line for the press. Possible elements are:

- a frank exchange on a number of issues;
- agreement that effective extradition measures are essential;
- welcome for Fair Employment measures;
- importance of continuing to work at security co-operation.

(C.D. POWELL)

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POSSIBLE ELEMENTS FOR A PRESS STATEMENT

- the regular meeting between the Taoiseach and the British Prime Minister took place at the end of the European Council.
- there was a frank exchange of views on a number of issues, including extradition, fair employment, security co-operation and the review of the Anglo-Irish Agreement.