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From the Private Secretary

26 February 1990

See paper.

I enclose a copy of the Irish Ambassador's letter conveying a formal invitation to the Prime Minister to attend the special informal meeting of the Twelve Heads of State or Government of the European Community in Dublin on 28 April. Foreign Ministers are also invited.

I should be grateful if you could convey the Prime Minister's acceptance of this date to the Irish Government (I assume the Foreign Secretary can manage it). But it is important that the timings of the meetings should be such that the Prime Minister can travel over to Dublin and back to London on the same day, and not overnight on this occasion in Dublin Castle. I should be grateful if this point could be made to Irish officials.

Yours truly,

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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL

I enclose the Prime Minister's reply to Mr Haughey's letter of invitation to a special informal meeting of Heads of Government of the Twelve in Dublin on 28 April. I should be grateful if it could be delivered as soon as possible.

Charles Powell

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PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
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THE PRIME MINISTER

27 February 1990

Dear Charlie,

Thank you for your letter of 16 February.

I agree that we need a special informal meeting of EC Heads of State or Government, soon after the GDR elections, to look at the implications for the Community of progress towards German unification. I would want to see us concentrate closely on the important issues you identified and not get led off into other areas. I was glad to hear that the Commission have since agreed to prepare an analytical paper. We need to be getting on with the preparatory work now.

I can manage the date of 28 April which you have now formally proposed, but would need to get back to London that night.

Yours ever

Margaret

Mr. Charles Haughey, T.D.

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Dean Charles

Extraordinary EC Heads of Government Meeting in
Dublin in April

Thank you for your letter of 16 February enclosing Mr Haughey's message to the Prime Minister about the proposed meeting of EC Heads of State or Government.

On dates, 28 April still appears to be the front-runner, but the Irish also mentioned the possibility of 21 April. They still see the meeting as informal, ie not a special meeting of the European Council, but they now seem to envisage its starting with lunch and concluding with dinner.

The agenda seems rights, and in Dublin the Foreign Secretary got the Commission to agree to prepare in advance a paper on the Community implications of German unification.

Some, eg President Mitterrand, might wish to suggest that there is a case for bringing forward the date for the EMU Inter-Governmental Conference. Chancellor Kohl's initial reaction to this idea has been negative and the Italians have given up their idea. But, in replying to the Taoiseach, the Foreign Secretary thinks it would be sensible to put down a marker about the specific purpose of the Dublin meeting.

I am copying this letter to John Gieve (HMT), Martin Stanley (DTI), Andy Lebrecht (MAFF) and Sonia Phippard (Cabinet Office).

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DRAFT LETTER FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO CHARLES J HAUGHEY

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areas.

Thank you for your letter of 16 February.

~~I agree that we need~~
As you know, I warmly welcome your proposal to call a
special informal meeting of EC Heads of State or Government,
soon after the GDR elections, in order to look at the
implications for the Community of developments in Central
and Eastern Europe, in particular progress towards German
unification. I hope we can concentrate closely on the
important issues you identified, and I was glad to hear that
the Commission have since agreed to prepare an analytical
paper. We need to be getting on with the
replying work now.

~~I look forward to hearing what date you pick. I think
you know that I could manage 28 April.~~

I can manage the date of 28
April. I'd like you here now formally
agreed. We would need to
get back to London this
night. I hope we can