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From the Private Secretary

25 April 1990

I enclose a copy of a letter to the Prime Minister from the Taoiseach about next Saturday's informal meeting of the European Council.

I am copying this letter and enclosure to John Gieve (H.M. Treasury), Martin Stanley (Department of Trade and Industry), Andy Lebrecht (Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food) and to Sonia Phippard (Cabinet Office).

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25 April 1990

Dear Charles,

I have been asked by An Taoiseach, Mr Charles J Haughey TD, to forward the enclosed text of a letter to the Prime Minister, The Rt Hon Mrs Margaret Thatcher MP.

I should be grateful if you would bring it to the attention of the Prime Minister.

Yours sincerely
Andrew O'Rourke

Andrew O'Rourke
Ambassador

Mr Charles D Powell
Private Secretary to the Prime Minister
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PERSONAL MESSAGE
SERIAL No. T82/90.....

The Rt Hon Mrs Margaret Thatcher MP
Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
London SW1

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Dear Colleague

In my message of 16 February I proposed the calling of a special meeting of the European Council to consider the implications for the Community of developments in Central and Eastern Europe, in particular the unification of Germany and our commitment to the Community's own integration process. I also referred to the proposal to hold a CSCE Summit later this year.

My meetings with colleagues over the past weeks have confirmed their agreement to my proposal that these subjects should be the central issues at our meeting in Dublin on 28 April.

The outcome of the recent election in the GDR marked a decisive step in the direction of German unification which we all welcome. Our main task in Dublin will be to agree on broad guidelines and procedures for ensuring that the integration of the territories of East Germany into the Community is accomplished in a smooth and harmonious way. We now have a useful document from the Commission and our Foreign Ministers had a fruitful discussion on this issue last Saturday. Against this background I do not foresee difficulties in agreeing on a common approach. We are all confident that unification will make a significant contribution to the development of Europe as a whole. I believe that we should also make clear that the integration of the territories of the GDR will contribute to faster economic growth in the Community in conditions of economic balance and monetary stability.

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I suggest that we deal with the two subjects mentioned above in our morning session after we have heard the views of the President of the European Parliament.

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Most of my colleagues have expressed their growing preoccupation with regard to the drug problem. The Coordinators Group on Drugs set up by the European Council in Strasbourg is at present working towards the establishment of a European plan for the fight against this scourge to be submitted to the meeting of the European Council in Dublin on 25 and 26 June. I suggest that we send a clear message from our meeting on Saturday concerning our determination to see progress in this area.

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I am looking forward to seeing you in Dublin on Saturday morning.

With every good wish.

Yours sincerely

Charles J Haughey
Taoiseach

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4 May 1990

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Dear Charles,

I enclose for your files the original of the letter addressed to the Prime Minister on 25 April by the Taoiseach.

*Yours sincerely,
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