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From the Private Secretary

30 September 1993

*Dr J. T. Alderdice,*

As you know from Roderic Lyne's letter of 15 September, the Prime Minister would very much welcome a meeting with you to discuss the political and security situation in Northern Ireland.

In speaking on the telephone to your office earlier this week, I promised to pass on your request that, given the Hume/Adams development last weekend, the meeting should take place as soon as possible. With that in mind, we have looked very carefully at the Prime Minister's diary. I am afraid, however, that the convergence in October of the Conservative Party Conference, the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting, and a Special European Council leaves no room for manoeuvre. The Prime Minister would therefore like to suggest you call here on Wednesday 3 November at 4.00 pm. Perhaps you could let me know if that time suits you. Should an earlier opportunity present itself, we shall certainly get in touch to see whether it might be convenient for you, but, at the moment, I fear I am not very hopeful.

With best wishes,

*Yours sincerely,  
Sandra Phillips*

MISS SANDRA PHILLIPS

Dr. J. T. Alderdice

8 October 1993

Miss Sandra Phillips  
Diary Secretary  
10 Downing Street  
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Dear Miss Phillips,

Thank you for your letter of 30 September regarding a meeting with the Prime Minister to discuss the political and security situation in Northern Ireland. I wish to confirm that I will be present on Wednesday 3 November at 4.00 pm. Please contact me should an earlier opportunity arise.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. John T Alderdice  
PARTY LEADER

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