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From the Private Secretary

SIR ROBIN BUTLER

LETTER FROM THE TAOISEACH

I attach a copy of the Taoiseach's SECRET AND PERSONAL letter of 7 September to the Prime Minister (delivered I think, through your office, and not yet seen by the Prime Minister).

The letter does not address the substance of your forthcoming meeting with Dermot Nally, but asks the Prime Minister to give the process his "full and enthusiastic backing" - and rather optimistically looks to agreement on the terms of an understanding at the Prime Minister's next meeting with Mr. Reynolds.

I am sure that the Prime Minister will wish to reply soon after you have had your talks with Mr. Nally. I would be grateful if John Chilcot could arrange for the NIO to send me a draft which we might despatch before the Prime Minister leaves for Tokyo on 17 September.

I am sending a copy of this letter and enclosure to John Chilcot (Northern Ireland Office) and Sir David Gillmore (Foreign and Commonwealth Office).

RODERIC LYNE
8 September 1993

1. cc Mr Thomas o/r
Mr Derwell
Mr Cooke - for advice please
Mr Beeton
Mr May

2. PLS to see
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