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ADDRESS BY TAOISEACH TO THE IRISH ASSOCIATION ON 10 JANUARY

1. We spoke earlier this morning about a line to take on the Taoiseach's speech last night. The enclosed note to the FCO News Department sets out what we agreed.
2. I have just heard from the Ambassador in Dublin that Dr Mansergh has had a word with him on the telephone from the Taoiseach's office to let him know that the Taoiseach hoped that the Prime Minister would take a supportive line in anything that he might say for instance in the House of Commons. The Taoiseach thought that the Prime Minister might want to stress that the Taoiseach had not supported any re-negotiation of the Downing Street Declaration but had emphasised the need for an end to violence and for democracy and consultation.
3. This is entirely in line with the press line which we worked out earlier this morning but I am giving this minute a wide circulation in order that copy recipients are aware of the message to the Ambassador.

G R Archer