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From the Private Secretary

16 November 1993

Dear Jonathan,

I enclose a letter from the Taoiseach, dated 15 November, which was hand delivered today in reply to the Prime Minister's letter of 12 November. Subject to your views, I think this letter adds little to what we already knew of the Taoiseach's position. It does not require a reply. The next step which the Irish Government are expecting from us is our response to JD13, which they assume will be given in another Butler/Nally meeting once Ministers have decided on our line.

Your Secretary of State, the Foreign Secretary and the Cabinet Secretary will be having an informal discussion of Northern Ireland with the Prime Minister from 4.15 to 5.00 pm tomorrow afternoon, 17 November. Further to my discussion with you on the telephone today, and my parallel discussion with Sir Robin Butler, I enclose a list of points which might be covered at the meeting. As you know, we are looking ahead to a substantive meeting of the wider Ministerial group on the morning of Tuesday 23 November.

The main papers to be considered at tomorrow afternoon's meeting are the two texts annexed to your letter of 12 November.

I am sending copies of this letter to John Sawers (Foreign and Commonwealth Office) and to Sir Robin Butler.

Yours ever,
Roderic.

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