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Views on 2 Dec?

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Dear Roderie,

Next British-Irish Summit

In his letter to you of 20 September, Jonathan Rodell suggests that you might wish to focus on 2 or 6 December when you explore possible dates for the next summit with the Irish. We do not think the latter date would suit the Irish since the Tanaiste will have to be in Brussels (as would the Foreign Secretary). Would 2 December suit the Prime Minister?

On a separate point, our Ambassador has asked whether the Prime Minister, when next in Dublin, would be willing to unveil a plaque in the foundation wall of the Embassy's new office building, on which work has just started. The event need take no more than half an hour. If the Prime Minister would be willing to fit this in, we shall make contingency plans at the site.

I am copying this letter to Jonathan Stephens (NIO) and Melanie Leech (Cabinet Office).

Your ever, Avoure

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