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From the Private Secretary

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Jean Drakie,

NEXT BRITISH-IRISH SUMMIT

Thank you for your letter of 14 October.

If circumstances so require, we may of course need to advance the date of the bilateral Summit in Dublin (though this would indeed be very difficult in the diary). Otherwise, we may well have to stick to 3 December. It will be easier to form a view in two or three weeks time.

In the meantime, I am sure that our Ambassador at Dublin should tell the Taoiseach that the Prime Minister looks forward to seeing him at the Special Council on 29 October. As this is only a one day event, it will not be easy to fix a bilateral of any length: but, as always, there will be numerous opportunities for the Prime Minister and the Taoiseach to have a conversation.

I am sending copies of this letter to Jonathan Stephens (Northern Ireland Office) and Melanie Leech (Cabinet Office).

*Yours ever,
Roderic.*

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