

PRIME MINISTER

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cc All those on duty

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Wife spoken!

TELEPHONE CALL FROM THE TAOISEACH

I have had a series of exchanges with Albert Reynolds' Private Secretary, who in turn has been in touch with him. The upshot is:

- the Taoiseach is very keen to speak to you soon. If not today (which I have said is now impossible), then tomorrow or Sunday;
- the Taoiseach will reveal only that the subject is a "personal matter" which he has discussed on several occasions with you;
- he has given an assurance that he does not intend to say anything sensitive over the open telephone line (I said that if the subject matter was delicate, you would have no option but to clam up, and the telephone call would then be abortive. You would not wish to cause him offence by having to do so. If the subject matter was Northern Ireland, there ^{was} ~~is~~ an obvious risk that it would not be suitable for a conversation on an open line - in which case the Taoiseach ought to send his message by secure means);
- the Taoiseach will be available up to 10.00am tomorrow morning. He will then be travelling, and will be available again from about 6.30pm in the evening, and on Sunday.

Could you let me or the Duty Clerk know if and when you would like us to set up this call? *(There is of course quite a chance that he will simply call you - probably at a crucial moment in the Trib Match.)*

Roderic

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