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From the Private Secretary

8 October 1993

Dear Jackie,

NEXT BRITISH-IRISH SUMMIT

Thank you for your letter of 6 October, which we discussed on the telephone.

As I told you, we would now like to explore the possibility of holding the Summit on Friday, 3 December. Having cross-checked that the Northern Ireland Secretary can manage this, you may wish now to take some tentative soundings of the Irish Government - pointing out that we are at the moment operating only on a diary basis, and have not yet put the proposal to the Prime Minister himself.

In principle, I imagine that the Prime Minister would be more than content to unveil a plaque at our Dublin Embassy, should his programme allow time for a very short ceremony. (Half an hour might well be on the generous side; one could probably do it in not much more than 10 minutes, if we were pressed for time.)

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

Yours etc,
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