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From the Private Secretary

24 December 1991

Dear Mr Pawson,

PRIME MINISTER'S TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH MR. HAUGHEY

Thank you for your letter of 23 December about the PIRA ceasefire.

The Prime Minister's telephone conversation with Mr. Haughey took place this morning. Mr. Haughey simply wanted to wish the Prime Minister a happy Christmas and to say that he was very distressed by the firebombing campaign in London, though he knew that Londoners always responded robustly in that sort of situation.

The Prime Minister said he was grateful for Mr. Haughey's good wishes and his sympathy. Fortunately nobody had been seriously injured in London, though the firebombing was an aggravation and had had an adverse impact on London shops.

The Prime Minister said that he looked forward to seeing Mr. Haughey, hopefully in the new year.

The Prime Minister does not want this telephone call publicised.

I am sending copies of this letter to Richard Gozney (Foreign and Commonwealth Office), Simon Webb (Ministry of Defence), Colin Walters (Home Office) and Sonia Phippard (Cabinet Office).

Yours sincerely
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