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10 DOWNING STREET

*From the Private Secretary*

6 August 1984

Anglo-Irish Relations: Northern Ireland

The Prime Minister has read with interest Sir Robert Armstrong's account of his further discussions with Mr Nally on 30 July.

The Prime Minister thinks that Irish expectations remain unrealistic, though she notes Sir Robert's judgement that the Taoiseach may be persuaded to look more positively at the possibilities of a consultative role. She thinks that when she sees Dr Fitzgerald on 3 September, she will need to encourage him to give Mr Nally more realistic instructions for the next round of discussions.

On a specific point, the Prime Minister is hesistant about the possibility, mentioned in paragraph 5 of Sir Robert's minute, of moving eventually to the establishment of a separate police force with responsibility for dealing with certain categories of crime. Sir Robert may wish to discuss this further with her if it is intended to pursue the idea with the Irish Government.

I am sending copies of this letter to the Private Secretaries to the Foreign Secretary, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, and to Sir Antony Acland, Mr Robert Andrew, Mr David Goodall and Sir Philip Woodfield.

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