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From the Private Secretary

15 December, 1982.

Irish Government: Congratulatory Messages

Thank you for your letter of 14 December.

The Prime Minister agrees that the message from herself to Dr. Fitzgerald may be sent in the terms proposed.

She would like her message to Dr. Haughey to read:-

"As you leave office, I should like to send you my best wishes. The last few months have not been easy, but I have particularly appreciated the way in which we have been able to cooperate over security questions and community matters."

I am sending a copy of this letter to Derek Hill (Northern Ireland Office).

J.E. Holmes, Esq., Foreign and Commonwealth Office.