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To: Secretary to the Government

From: W. Kirwan, Assistant Secretary.

Report of Taoiseach's Meeting with Commission President
Delors, 5 February, 1987.

1. I attach the report on the above which has been prepared by Ambassador Campbell and Mr. O h-Eigeartaigh, in consultation with each other. In regard to the question of obtaining further information about the operation of the Integrated Mediterranean Programmes, mentioned in paragraph 22, ^{we} ~~I~~ have asked the Department of Foreign Affairs to pursue this through the Permanent Representation in Brussels.

2. You will note the exchanges reported in paragraphs 2-3 about the Court proceedings on the Single European Act and, in particular, what the Taoiseach said in the third sentence of paragraph 3. You will recall that I have already raised with you my doubts as to whether the Taoiseach had read the briefing material supplied by the Office of the Attorney General before his meeting with Delors and that I resubmitted this material which, I understand, you have passed on to the Taoiseach. As indicated in a separate note, the decision of the High Court is expected tomorrow morning.

3. I have also mentioned, in another separate note, that the question of a European Community contribution to the International Fund did not come up in the discussions in which Ambassador Campbell and Mr. O h-Eigeartaigh participated - presumably it was covered when the Taoiseach had private discussions aside with Delors. I understand that you

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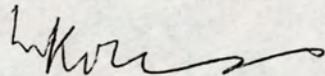
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propose to establish from the Taoiseach what transpired on this matter.

4. Finally, I should mention that an earlier draft of this report was, at his request, sent to the Taoiseach in London on Monday last. I have seen press reports that he met Commissioner Sutherland in London and it was presumably in that connection that he asked for the draft report. It is possible that the Taoiseach may have made some additional amendments on the draft report and, if so, they can be carried into the attached report when we get them.



11 February, 1987.

Note:

The Taoiseach, in reply to queries, said that he had spoken to Mr Delors about the International Fund during the tete a tete last Monday.

The President was well disposed to the idea, although he said that there would probably be difficulties about payments outside the Budget on the Lomet or otherwise.

The Taoiseach had told him the British position, as he understood it but had suggested that the President, if he saw fit, should check it with Foreign Minister Howe. The Taoiseach's understanding was that the British would support a proposal coming from the Commission, if they made one.

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To: Secretary to the Government
From: Mr. W. Kirwan, Assistant Secretary.

Question of E.E.C. contribution to International Fund for Ireland

This matter was not raised by the Taoiseach in the formal part of the discussions last evening with President Delors or over the dinner, in the presence of Mr. O h-Eigeartaigh and Ambassador Campbell. As mentioned by Mr. O h-Eigeartaigh, the Taoiseach and President Delors had a fairly lengthy tête-a-tête discussion over drinks before dinner and also spoke separately, for a brief period, when President Delors arrived. It is likely that the Taoiseach raised the Fund matter with Delors in the course of these private discussions. You may wish, when you next meet the Taoiseach, to ascertain whether this matter was discussed and, if so, what transpired.

*Mr Kirwan
see note
today
date*

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*Mr McLaughlin
pl & vice
Secretary to
the Govt
note of
end of
attached*

copy note.

*I have given
copy to Mr
O h-Eigeartaigh*

and informed 6 February, 1987.

*Ms Hennessy,
DIFA by phone
, asking her to tell
Mr. Brendan Lyons.*

*Will you please
inform Mr Teahan*

W. Kirwan

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Done