



WHITEHALL, LONDON S.W.1

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*Dear Prime Minister*

The Prime Minister has, as you know, been thinking of a further meeting with Mr. Lynch and was very grateful for your views, in your letter of 16th April, on how such a meeting might be publicly presented.

I am writing now to let you know that we will not seek to arrange such a meeting until the autumn. The most likely time at the moment seems to be in October.

I can certainly say that, in briefing the Press, we should not give any impression that Mr. Lynch's Government was being invited to intervene in Northern Ireland affairs, although we cannot of course deny him the right to raise matters affecting Northern Ireland in discussion. The sort of press briefing that might be given is that a wide range of subjects had been discussed including Northern Ireland, but not constitutional matters, and that the Prime Minister of Northern Ireland would be kept in touch.

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