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Dear Ó Nualláin,

Please refer to my secret letter of 13th October about a discussion I had with the British Ambassador on the subject of, inter alia, visits of British naval vessels.

I subsequently informed the Taoiseach orally of the substance of a dispatch the British Ambassador proposed sending to London recommending that there should be no visits of British naval vessels within the coming year, not even a visit of the fishery patrol vessel, and that, furthermore, there should be no early visit of Princess Margaret to her relatives e.g. at Christmas.

The British Ambassador came to see me, at my request, this morning about another matter. He took advantage of his visit to tell me that he had just received word from London to the effect that Whitehall had accepted his recommendation that there should be no visits of British naval vessels within the coming year. The usual visit of the fishery patrol vessel would not take place either - the Commanding Officer will fly over in mufti, if this be necessary for his usual consultations. The Ambassador added that his recommendation about Royal visits has been passed on to the Palace.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Berry of the Department of Justice for his information.

Yours sincerely,

Hugh Keenan

Dr. N. S. Ó Nualláin,
Rúnaí,
Roinn an Taoisigh.

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