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Dear Bob, Padraigin and Niall,

I was sorry to hear that you appear to have suffered an acute attack of collective amnesia when discussing your sources of information on Ireland at the Irish Forum on 7 March.

To assist you towards a, hopefully early, recovery I thought I ought to remind you of the information material that some or all of you receive from this office and other Irish Government sources. These include:

- Press and information releases from the Consulate on developments in Ireland and Irish Government policy statements.
- Ireland Today, the monthly bulletin of the Department of Foreign Affairs, which contains a broad range of information on political, economic and cultural developments.
- Weekly summaries of ongoing stories in the Irish media issued by the Consulate in New York - acknowledged in the Irishman in February 1984.
- Updates on the New Ireland Forum and copies of the proceedings and reports of the Forum sent out by this office - acknowledged by Bob Callahan by phone.
- Occasional copies of articles and other material which might be of interest sent out by this office.

Bob and Niall also appear to have forgotten the comprehensive briefings they received from our colleagues in the Department of Foreign Affairs

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when they were in Ireland last year.

Finally, a gentle reminder that this office has always responded in a cooperative manner to your requests for information on specific issues.

I trust that you will bear these facts in mind on the next occasion that you go public on this question.

Yours sincerely,

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