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Dear Eamonn,

I was trying to reach you this morning following a conversation with Ambassador O Tuathail but his subsequent message (attached) covers the points raised. If you want to discuss other matters with him, you can reach him on 21-230241 (Embassy) or 21-794 1441 (Residence).

Yours sincerely,

Paul Murray
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Visit of Mr John Wilson to South Africa

Dear Paul,

As I said to you on the phone today I have been in touch with the office of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Chairperson of the TRC and the feeling is that there will not be any great difficutly in finding a slot for Mr Wilson during the period 10-28 August. The TRC is working hard to complete its major report over the next three months. I have followed up with a letter this morning. I will wait until we get a firm appointment with the Archbishop before making further appointments. The TRC Committee on Reparation and Reconciliation will be of especial interest to Mr Wilson. You can take it Minister Kader Asmal will also be available.

Perhaps Mr and Mrs Wilson and Mr Eamon Mulligan could aim to arrive at Cape Town on the morning of Sunday 9 August. There is a direct South African Airways **flight** leaving London on Saturday evening 8 August at 19.00 hours and arriving Cape Town on Sunday morning 9 August at 06 20
I would recommend that for the working part the visitors stay at the Mount Nelson **Hotel** (phone 21-231000 and FAX 21-247472) which is a fine hotel at the centre of Cape Town. Do you want me to arrange for a **car and driver**? I will meet Mr Wilson on arrival at Cape Town and assist him during the working part of the visit.

As to Johannesburg, I would like to get the TRC appointments fixed before making arrangements there. Apart from the Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation at Wits there is also Judge Richard Richard Goldstone, member of the Constitutional Court, and others.

I will come back to you as soon as I have word from Archbishop Tutu's office.

Yours sincerely

Eamon Ó Tuathail

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Subject: John Wilson's visit to South Africa

Dear Ambassador,

Thank you for your very prompt response re the above which was conveyed to Eamon Mulligan of the Victim's Commission.

He states that Mr Wilson would like to go to South Africa from 8 August to 6 September. He appreciates that this is very short notice and would like to be told if this not practical. He is also flexible to allow for the availability of people he should meet.

Mr. Wilson plans to go with his wife and Mr. Mulligan.
It is envisaged either that Mr. Mulligan would travel out with the Wilsons and leave when their work with the Commission is complete or that Mr. Mulligan would join them following their holiday, should this be more convenient in terms of appointments.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Murray
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29 July 1998

Proposed Visit of Mr John Wilson to South Africa

Dear Paul

I do not see any great problem with making appointments envisaged for Mr Wilson - except in the case of President Mandela. We can request a meeting with the President, if you wish, but I see no likelihood of it taking place. *

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) has its headquarters in **Cape Town**, Archbishop Desmond Tutu the Chairperson of the TRC and Dr. Alex Boraine, the Deputy Chairperson both live in Cape Town as also does Minister Kader Asmal and his wife Louise. The Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation CSVR has its HQ (at University of the Witwatersrand- Wits) in **Johannesburg**. Incidentally Irish Aid supports CSVR and supplied an Irish police officer to assist the TRC with its investigations.

The TRC ends its work as of end July and must submit its final report within three months after that date. The Amnesty Committee of the TRC however continues in operation until it completes its examination of the several thousand applications before it.

Please let me know the dates of arrival and departure and proposed travel schedule inside South Africa of Mr Wilson and I will start making appointments. I will of course meet Mr and Mrs Wilson on arrival and assist them during their visit. Is he coming alone or accomanied?

Please note that I will be at our Cape Town Office for about half of the month of August. I am leaving for Cape Town tomorrow Thursday.

Please let us have documentation on the Northern Ireland Victims Commission (its composition and terms of reference) and several copies of the Bloomfield Report.

Yours sincerely

Eamon O Tuathail

* I will let you have further suggestions about persons to meet shortly.

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Subject: Proposed visit of Mr. John Wilson to South Africa

We had a call today from Eamon Mulligan in the Victims Commission Office. He has requested a steer on people Mr. John Wilson might meet during a planned visit to South Africa during this August. Mr. Wilson on his appointment was advised to visit South Africa by Secretary General Tim Dalton (Justice) to look at the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Mr. Wilson envisages a programme over one week (followed by a week's holiday) and meetings with Bishop Tutu, Minister Asmal and his wife Louise, and Brendan Hamber of the Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation (Witwaterrand University). Mr. Wilson is also seeking a steer on the question of a courtesy call on President Mandela.

Grateful for your views on how this proposed visit might be facilitated.

A copy of a note on the subject of victims is attached for your information.

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