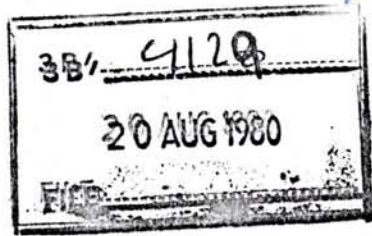


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YOUR TELEGRAM NUMBER 101 : ANGLO/IRISH MEETINGS.

1. I SAW MR HAUGHEY THIS AFTERNOON AND SPOKE AS IN PARA'S 1 AND 2 OF TUR. HE WAS HOPING FOR A DATE LATE IN OCTOBER WHICH WOULD ENABLE HIM TO SEE THE PRIME MINISTER BEFORE THE QUEEN'S SPEECH. HOWEVER, HE ACCEPTED THAT THIS WAS NOT POSSIBLE AND HIS PREFERENCE WOULD BE FOR A DATE EARLY IN NOVEMBER. I TOLD HIM THAT AS REGARDS OTHER MEETINGS, IT LOOKED AS THOUGH OFFICIALS WOULD MEET ON 11 SEPTEMBER AND WE WERE PROPOSING THAT MR LENIHAN AND MR ATKINS SHOULD MEET ON 1 OCTOBER. HE THOUGHT A PROGRAMME ON THESE LINES WOULD BE FINE.
2. I STRESSED THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE A BROAD AGENDA FOR HIS MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER AND THAT IN ADDITION TO MR LENIHAN AND MR ATKINS THERE MIGHT BE OTHER MINISTERS PRESENT. AT THE OFFICIAL LEVEL IN LONDON THE SUGGESTION HAD BEEN MADE THAT PERHAPS THE MINISTERS FOR ENERGY MIGHT ATTEND, BUT I EMPHASISED THAT THIS WAS JUST AN IDEA AT THE OFFICIAL LEVEL. WE THOUGHT THAT AT THEIR MEETING ON 11 SEPTEMBER OFFICIALS COULD DISCUSS THE AGENDA. I INVITED HIM TO SUGGEST WHAT PARTICULAR SUBJECTS HE THOUGHT MIGHT BE SUITABLE BUT HE PREFERRED TO SAY NOTHING JUST NOW. HE WOULD LIKE TIME TO THINK ABOUT IT. AS REGARDS THE PROPOSED PLACE FOR TALKS, HE WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO RECEIVE THE PRIME MINISTER IN DUBLIN.
3. IN MR LENIHAN'S ABSENCE, I SUBSEQUENTLY SAW MR O'ROURKE, THE SECRETARY OF THE DFA, TO PROPOSE 1 OCTOBER FOR THE MEETING WITH MR ATKINS. HE TOLD ME THAT UNFORTUNATELY MR LENIHAN WOULD BE AWAY IN NEW YORK THEN FOR THE UNITED NATIONS AND WOULD HAVE ANOTHER MEETING ELSEWHERE ABROAD IN EARLY OCTOBER. THE DFA WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH US SOON AFTER MR LENIHAN RETURNS FROM GENEVA TOMORROW NIGHT TO PROPOSE AN ALTERNATIVE DATE.

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