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From the Private Secretary

Mr John Major, M.P.,
British Prime Minister
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21st June 1996
I enclose a copy of a letter to the Prime Minister from the President of the Limerick Chamber of Commerce, inviting the Prime Minister to attend the Chamber's Dinner on 3 October.

I wish to formally invite you to the Chamber's Dinner on 3 October. There is no prospect at all of the Prime Minister being able to do this. But do you recommend offering representation, either by a Minister or by the Ambassador?

Limerick City is the capital of the Mid West Region of Ireland. Principally it is the Transport Hub of the region, with its proximity to the Shannon Airport. It is the primary centre of Irish Tourism with world renowned names such as Bunratty and Adare - the latter hosting the Joint British & Irish Parliamentary Conference in May. It possesses some of the most advanced technological industries and international services operations in Europe and historically it is in the course of preparing to celebrate the 800th Anniversary of its Royal Charter granted in 1197 by Prince John, Lord of Ireland.

I am sure you might consider my invitation somewhat unique. In view of Ireland's EU Presidency during the coming period, your presence by visiting the Western Seaboard of Ireland and addressing a grouping of business and commercial principals on a like theme and at a very different and independent venue could only enhance the strong bonds and ties existing between the United Kingdom and Ireland.

I look forward to hearing from you in much anticipation.

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Yours sincerely,

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Dear Prime Minister,

I wish to formally invite you as Guest of Honour and Principal Speaker on the occasion of the President's Dinner on the evening of Thursday, 3rd October 1996 in Limerick.

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