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From: JOHN HOLMES
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PRIME MINISTER

cc: Mr. Haslam
Miss Warburton

IRISH JOURNALISTS

You may remember that Edward spoke to you over the summer about the possibility of briefing a dozen or so Irish journalists on a sponsored visit to the UK to attend the plenary session of the British-Irish Inter-Parliamentary Body in Bath from 23-25 September. You gave a similar briefing last year, which was much appreciated and resulted in good coverage.

This is not essential. But we agreed earlier in the year that it was well worth making a greater PR effort in the Republic, and this is a good opportunity to get our views across authoritatively, and correct some of the misunderstandings which arise from time to time.

Arabella can find space in the diary, but we are a bit nervous that other things might crowd in around that period. We therefore think it is sensible to hedge our bets.

Content to agree in principle to take this on, but with a let-out a few days before if time is simply not going to allow?

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