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TELEPHONE CALL TO THE TAOISEACH

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General

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- Heard good reports of your visit to Washington. State of US and Irish-American opinion?

IRA find

- Excellent news and superb operation. 10 tons of explosive, including two large lorry bombs. Also several devices and AK47s.
- Made point in a statement that puts Sinn Fein talks of peace in its proper context - little doubt of IRA determination to continue violence, even if Adams himself is keen on a ceasefire to ease his political dilemma.
- Also puts approaches from Hume in context. Will be responding to him again soon. Do not want to rebuff him, but cannot negotiate terms of a ceasefire either.

Belfast talks

- Some reasonable signs behind the scenes. UUP and SDLP working together.
- Very important to push ahead with decommissioning legislation, and be ready to publish. Hope you can do this.

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Dublin European Council

- Very bad day for me, as you know. Will come for as much as I can, but may well not be all (miss dinner/lunch, probably former).
- Understand that not looking for conclusions. Must be right, even if there is danger of an unfocussed discussion.
- Will want to reaffirm our vision of the EU as a partnership of nations. See no need for further rush to integration. People are not ready.
- Could discuss flexibility in Dublin I. Important issue, but difficult to pin down practicalities. Too much loose talk, as if it is a way of casting off UK.
- Happy to have an IGC Treaty text at Dublin II, in December. Accept will be lots of square brackets.
- But text must include issues of particular concern to us, including ECJ, quota-hopping, and Article 118A (Working Time Directive), even if they cause problems for others.