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From the Private Secretary

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Dear William,

UK/IRISH RELATIONS

The Prime Minister was grateful for the Foreign Secretary's minute of 16 July about further efforts to develop the relationship between Britain and the Irish Republic. He very much agrees that this is worth doing, and hopes that Cabinet colleagues will do all they can to encourage contacts in the various fields.

I am copying this to Private Secretaries to other Members of the Cabinet, to Jan Polley (Cabinet Office) and to Veronica Sutherland in Dublin.

Yours ever
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