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Mr Holmes, No 10

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BERTIE AHERN

PUS has been giving some thought to your minute of 23 October in respect of Bertie Ahern.

2. Like you, PUS does not believe that Lord Cranborne has been speaking on a formal basis to members of the Irish Government. He supports your idea of an official travelling to Dublin should a meeting be set up with Mr Ahern. If and when a meeting is set up and he was free, he might wish to attend himself.

Signed

Mr. Barbour (N10) "Mr. Lindsay, N10"

This is all based on a ^{we} misunderstanding. Eddie Haughey asked whether Lord Cranborne would be interested to meet them on a social occasion. Lord C. committed us - we said we saw no diplomatic and some advantage. It has not happened yet but we have given Lord C. some briefing from Dublin. There is no question, I think, of an official being involved - it would not be a formal occasion in any sense.

John Holmes
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CLIVE BARBOUR
PRIVATE SECRETARY
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