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I attach a copy of a letter the Prime Minister has received from Colin Parry, whose son was killed in an IRA bomb attack in Warrington some years Gowas ago. As you will see, Mr. Parry is trying to establish youth exchanges between Glencree in the Republic of Ireland and Warrington, to further the cause of peace in Northern Ireland.

The Prime Minister is sympathetic to his aims, and wonders how this could fit in to the wider exercise on youth exchanges we are looking at for the Taoiseach's visit next Monday. Mr. Parry's main concern is of course funding. This is likely to be difficult, but the Prime Minister wonders whether Lottery funding might be a possibility. You may have other ideas.

I would be grateful if this proposal could be fed into the preparations for the Taoiseach's visit, as appropriate, and for a draft reply after the Anglo/Irish Summit.

In the meantime, I am copying this to David Fawcett (Department of National Heritage), Ken Lindsay (Northern Ireland Office), Jan Polley (Cabinet Office) and Veronica Sutherland in Dublin by fax.

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