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From the Private Secretary

Dear Tony,

I thought you might like to see the attached editorials from the two main Irish newspapers today. You will not be surprised to hear that they seem to me entirely reasonable. I also attach a transcript of an interview with the Alliance Party leader, Alderdice, to illustrate the view of all this of parties other than the Unionists.

I will be in Lisbon on Monday, but I hope we can talk again on Tuesday, if not before.

Yours ever  
John

**JOHN HOLMES**

The Honorable Anthony Lake