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**YOUR VISIT TO NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE REPUBLIC:
 21 DECEMBER**

Following your comments overnight, I have discussed the few outstanding points further with the NIO today. They will be sending a final programme tomorrow. But it will look pretty much as below.

Similarly, the programme for Dublin is now pretty well finalised, subject to your views. The Taoiseach will meet you at the airport, partly to allow him a private chat with you on the way into Dublin. After an hour's talks with him and his coalition partners, you will have a further half hour one on one (plus notetakers). Then a press doorstep (not a press conference), followed by a dinner (I will check that no speeches are required). You then catch the second half of The Messiah. You overnight at Veronica Sutherland's house, and leave from there direct for the airport. You should spring delightedly through the doors of No.10 at about 1030 on the Friday morning.

Mrs. Major will arrive on a commercial flight at 1730 on the Thursday evening, and go straight to the Embassy, where she will join up with you after your talks for the dinner/Messiah (and fly home on your plane).

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