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PRIME MINISTER

cc: Miss Roper-Caldbeck
Miss Bowdery
Mr Butler
Mr Meyer
Mr Oakden

VISIT TO DUBLIN 21 DECEMBER: REVISED PROGRAMME

The Taoiseach's office have now established that the performance of The Messiah (at the National Concert Hall, given by "Our Lady's Choral Society") is due to finish at 1045 pm, rather than 1015 pm as they previously thought.

This would make supper after the performance very late indeed. They wonder, instead, whether it would not make better sense to eat first, and to attend the second half of The Messiah, rather than the full performance. Their revised timings would then run as follows:

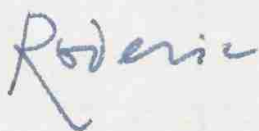
1630:	Land at airport from Dublin
1700-1800	Talks attended by the Tanaiste and de Rossa
1800:	Possibly a bilateral chat between you and the Taoiseach, presumably followed by:
?1830:	Press doorstep
1845/1900 to	
?2100 approx:	Supper in restaurant
2115 to 2245:	Second half of The Messiah.

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Though it means sacrificing the first hour or so of the music, I fear that this probably makes sense. This will be the last working day (I hope!) of a long autumn, and it will have been a pretty busy day. If you weren't to sit down to supper until 11.00 pm you could be suffering both from starvation and exhaustion, and would not see your bed much before 0100.

Content for me to tell the Taoiseach's office that we agree to the new schedule?

**RODERIC LYNE**

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