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From the Private Secretary

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*Jean Veronica,*

### PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

Many thanks for your letter today about the logistics of the Prime Minister's visit. I shall reply separately.

Paddy Teahon telephoned to ask if the Prime Minister and Mrs Major would like to attend a performance of "The Messiah". Having checked with the Prime Minister, I said that they would be delighted to do so. Paddy thought that, because of the late hour and travelling times, it would probably make sense to have the supper afterwards in a private room at a restaurant rather than at the Taoiseach's house.

He has promised to fax further programme details to me. It now appears to be shaping up as follows:

1630:	Prime Minister lands at Dublin Airport
1700-1800 approx:	Meeting at Government Buildings with the Taoiseach and his Coalition partners, followed by:
?1815:	Press doorstep
2000-2215	"The Messiah" (venue to be notified), followed by:
2230:	Supper in restaurant followed by
	Overnight stay at Glencairn.

We shall find a suitable flight so that Mrs Major can join the party from "The Messiah" onwards. I am sure that she will be most grateful for your

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husband's kind offer to meet her.

Allowing for travelling times and perhaps a little overspill, the evening's programme has a gap of about an hour between the end of talks and the musical performance. From memory, your Residence is some way from the centre of town. Would there be time for the Prime Minister to go there and back, to put his feet up and also link up with Mrs Major?

I am copying this letter to William Ehrman (Foreign and Commonwealth Office) and Paul Lever (Cabinet Office).

*Yours truly,  
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