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From the Private Secretary

6 September, 1982

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Economic Situation - Northern Ireland

I enclose a copy of a letter which the Prime Minister has received from Mr. Terence Carlin of the Northern Ireland Committee of the Irish Congress of Trade Unions. He recalls the Prime Minister's meeting with the Committee in August, 1980 and seeks a further meeting now to discuss the prospects for the Northern Ireland economy and employment in the Province. I should be grateful for your advice as to whether the Prime Minister should agree to such a meeting.

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3rd September, 1982.

Rt. Hon. M. Thatcher MP.,
Prime Minister,
10 Downing Street,
London SW1.

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Dear Prime Minister,

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Economic Situation - Northern Ireland

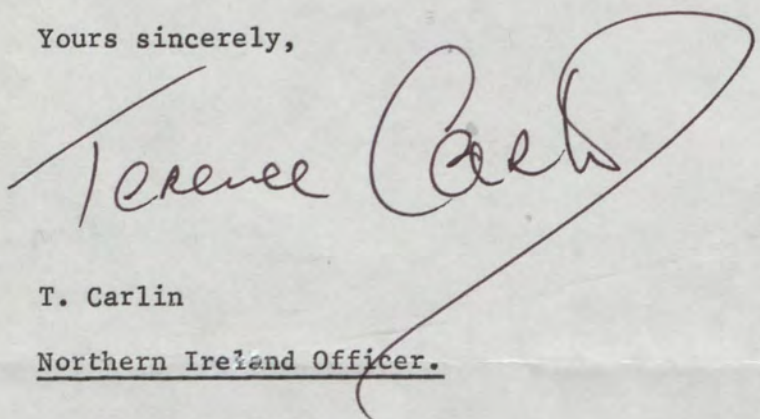
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You will recall that you met the Northern Ireland Committee, ICTU in August, 1980 for a discussion on the economic situation then prevailing in the Province.

The unemployment situation has deteriorated ever since, and the unemployment register now stands 40% higher than when we last met you two years ago.

The Northern Ireland Committee would like to again discuss with you the prospects for the Northern Ireland economy and employment in the Province.

The Committee would be grateful if you would respond positively to our request.

Yours sincerely,



T. Carlin

Northern Ireland Officer.

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