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TO IMMEDIATE DUBLIN
TELEGRAM NUMBER 108 OF 25 OCTOBER

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MR 27/10

MR HURD'S VISIT TO DUBLIN : PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT

1. IN LINE WITH PREVIOUS PRACTICE

WE SHALL NOT ANNOUNCE MR HURD'S VISIT UNTIL 3 NOVEMBER.
WE ENVISAGE THAT ANNOUNCEMENTS WOULD THEN BE MADE IN LONDON AND
DUBLIN AND PROPOSE THAT NEWS DEPARTMENT SHOULD MAKE THE
FOLLOWING STATEMENT AT THAT DAY'S 1230 NEWS CONFERENCE:

'THE RT HON DOUGLAS HURD CBE MP, MINISTER OF STATE AT THE FCO,
IS TODAY VISITING DUBLIN FOR TALKS ON A NUMBER OF EC ISSUES WITH
THE IRISH MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MR GERRY COLLINS TD.
THE VISIT IS ONE OF A SERIES OF DISCUSSIONS ON THESE SUBJECTS
WHICH HE AND MR PYM HAVE BEEN HOLDING WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS
IN ADVANCE OF THE NOVEMBER FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL.'

2. IF ASKED WHETHER MR HURD WILL DISCUSS ANGLO-IRISH RELATIONS
OR NORTHERN IRELAND, NEWS DEPARTMENT WILL SAY UNATTRIBUTELY THAT
THE VISIT IS INTENDED AS ONE OF A SERIES OF BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS
WITH OUR EC PARTNERS ON PURELY COMMUNITY ISSUES - MOST

IMPORTANTLY THE EC BUDGET. THEY WILL ADD THAT MR HURD HAS HAD
SIMILAR DISCUSSIONS WITH HIS DUTCH, FRENCH AND GREEK COUNTER-
PARTS AND THAT I HAVE MET THE OTHER EC FOREIGN MINISTERS AND
THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMMISSION TO DISCUSS THESE QUESTIONS. IF
ASKED WHY MORE NOTICE OF MR HURD'S VISIT WAS NOT GIVEN NEWS
DEPARTMENT WILL SAY THAT FOR SECURITY REASONS IT IS NOT OUR
PRACTICE TO ANNOUNCE MINISTERIAL VISITS TO IRELAND IN ADVANCE.

3. PLEASE PUT THE TEXT IN PARAGRAPH 1 TO THE DFA ADDING THAT
WE SHOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR ANY COMMENTS BY THE END OF THE WEEK.

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