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PRIME MINISTER

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BILATERAL WITH THE FOREIGN SECRETARY

You have a bilateral with the Foreign Secretary tomorrow. Subjects which he may raise are:

- (i) Libya Apparently he wishes to say something about Libyan responsibility for the arms shipment for the IRA which was intercepted recently and possible action open to us.
- (ii) East/West Relations He wants to mention one or two thoughts about the run-up to the US/Soviet Summit in Washington. You will see in the hot box a note recording a senior American official telling us that they cannot guarantee that President Reagan will not continue to talk about the goal of a nuclear-free world but that no-one in Washington has any plans or intentions which go beyond a 50% reduction in strategic nuclear weapons.
- The Soviet Ambassador is coming to see me tomorrow morning. We may therefore discover something more about the possibility that Gorbachev might stop over in the UK on his way to or from the Washington Summit.
- (iii) European Council You have a separate meeting with him on Thursday to discuss the prospects for the European Council. I understand that the Foreign Secretary is pondering a grand strategy but it has not yet been revealed to anyone. I am not sure whether tomorrow will be the moment or not!
- (iv) Irish Ratification of the European Convention on the Suppression of Terrorism It seems that Mr. Haughey has a message to you in gestation. The advice at the moment

is that it would be better to wait for that before sending a message yourself. But we do need to be sure that his message will not contain a definitive decision from which it would be difficult for him subsequently to back down.

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P.S. Please see separate
mtg by Nigel on the
Zircen case.