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13 February 1990

Dear Private Secretary

I am enclosing text of a letter to the Prime Minister, The Rt Hon Mrs Margaret Thatcher MP from An Taoiseach, Mr Charles J Haughey TD.

I should be grateful if you would bring it to the attention of the Prime Minister.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to read 'A O'Rourke'. The signature is written in a cursive style.

Andrew O'Rourke
Ambassador

Mr Charles D Powell
Private Secretary to the Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
London SW1

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PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
SERIAL No. 129/90

13 February 1990

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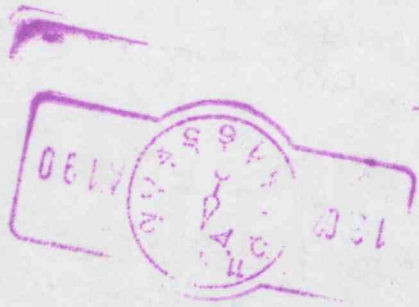
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Yours sincerely

Charles J Haughey TD
Taoiseach

The Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher MP
Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
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Original of letter of 12th
February addressed to
the Prime Minister from

WITH THE COMPLIMENTS OF

THE IRISH EMBASSY
an Taoiseach.

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Office of the Taoiseach

12 February, 1990.

Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, M.P. F.R.S.,
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Yours sincerely,

Charles Haughey

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From the Private Secretary

13 February 1990

SOUTH AFRICA: EC

I enclose a copy of Mr. Haughey's reply to the Prime Minister's recent message about developments in South Africa.

I am copying this letter to Martin Stanley (Department of Trade and Industry) and David Hedley (Cabinet Office).

(C. D. POWELL)

Richard Gozney, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

RTJ