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Major McDowell of the Irish Times

I attach a draft letter which you may wish to send to No. 10 to round off this episode.

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You wrote to me on 16 September about Major McDowell, the Managing Director of the Irish Times in Dublin, who had tried to contact the Prime Minister when on a visit to London recently.

The Ambassador has been in touch with Major McDowell in Dublin. It transpires that the latter was seeking a degree of guidance, in the hope that he will be able to inculcate greater moderation in his own paper. Apparently he has troubles with his editor and this, not intelligence activity, was the root of the matter. We shall do what we can to exploit this opportunity.

(CC) ... HARTLES