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IRISH EMBASSY, LONDON.

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CONFIDENTIAL - By Hand

August 16th 1969

Dear Secretary

As arranged, I am giving this to Mr Howard, who is leaving London by road at lunch time today, to take ^{it} to you (at home) tomorrow (Sunday) morning.

Enclosed is the report of the discussions here yesterday. The report is based on Mr Hurley's notes, supplemented by mine which were not continuous because I interrupted them to pass a few notes to you and to the Minister from time to time.

The exchanges were prolonged, rapid, and, at times, repetitive and diffuse. Consequently the report does not always read very well. However, I am satisfied that it covers substantially accurately the exchanges on all the principal points which arose.

Only one copy is enclosed because the photo-copying machine on which I had planned to make several more copies broke down. Indeed, I must ask you to let me have, in due course, a copy for our file, please.

Yours sincerely

Kevin Rush
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Mr H J McCann
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P.S. Con Howard cannot wait for the summary to be typed, regrettably. KR



AIDE MEMOIRE

Her Majesty's Government have taken note of Mr. Rush's communication of 13 August and have ensured that its contents have been brought to the attention of the responsible authorities. They reject as without foundation the allegation that there have been police attacks on the people of Londonderry.

Her Majesty's Government have considered the request of the Government of the Irish Republic that they should apply to the United Nations for the despatch of a peacekeeping force to Northern Ireland. They take this opportunity of reaffirming that Northern Ireland is an integral part of the United Kingdom, and that events there are consequently an internal matter. In the circumstances, Her Majesty's Government do not regard a United Nations peacekeeping force as either necessary or appropriate, and therefore do not propose to accede to the request of the Government of the Irish Republic.

Foreign and Commonwealth Office, S.W.1.
15 August, 1969