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An Rúnar Príobháideach,
An tAire Gnóthaí Eachtracha.

The Taoiseach has asked me to forward, for the information of your Minister, the enclosed copy of a note on a discussion which he had with the British Ambassador, who called to see the Taoiseach on the 3rd instant.

H. S. Ó DUBHDA

Rúnar Príobháideach

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ROINN AN TAOISIGH


Uimhir.....

Memo.

The British Ambassador called to me today at 12 noon. He stayed until 12.25 p.m.

At the outset we discussed E.E.C. and I told him in a general way of my meeting with Mr. Wilson. He then adverted to current happenings in, and comments on, the Six Counties. He expressed some concern about Mr. O'Neill's position and the hope that he "would not be overthrown" but he felt that this was unlikely. He also raised the question whether current happenings in the Six Counties, the repeated references to discrimination, etc., might reactivate trouble. He was obviously seeking some comment from me as to whether we feared the revival of illegal activities down here. I told him that we did not anticipate any. One could never be sure that an illegal organisation was quiescent but we had no evidence of any unusual activity. Such people, of course, were always ready to give support to any organisation that sought to embarrass the Government and there was some reason to believe that some members of an illegal organisation were present at some N.F.A. demonstrations.

I did not think that on the political side - i.e. in the Dáil - there was much of a problem. Some members of the Labour Party, as I am sure he saw, tabled P.Qs. about my possible contacts with Captain O'Neill and sought to identify the Irish Labour Party with some of the recent exercises of the British Labour Party, e.g. C.D.U., and the group of Labour lawyers' investigation of conditions in the North. He would have seen that from the tone of my answers I did not prejudice the prospects of further contacts between our Ministers and those of Stormont.


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