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IMMEDIATE FOR ASST SEC MCDONAGH OR MR DORR FROM MR WHELAN  
THE FOLLOWING QUESTION AND WRITTEN ANSWER APPA// APPEARS IN  
HANSARD FOR 26TH OCTOBER

MR KILFEDDER ASKED THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND  
COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS WHAT MEASURES HE PROSES TO ADOPT TO STEP  
UP THE GOVERNMENTS INFORMATION CAMPAIGN TO EXPLAIN TO THE WORLD  
THE EFFECTS OF IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY TERRORISM IN NORTHERN  
IRELAND, PARTICULARLY IN THE LIGHT OF THE CASE TAKEN AGAINST  
THE UNITED KINGDOM BY THE GOVERNMENT OF EIRE AT THE EUROPEAN COURT  
OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

MR ANTHONY ROYLE: I AM SATISFIED THAT THE FLOW OF MATERIAL  
TO DIPLOMATIC POSTS ABROAD DESIGNED TO ENABLE THEM TO ENSURE  
THAT PRESS AND INFORMATION MEDIA IN OTHER COUNTRIES ARE FULLY  
AWARE OF THE BRUTALITY OF THE IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY'S TERRORIST  
CAMPAIGN IS ADEQUATE. I AM INFORMED THAT THE RULING OF THE  
EUROPEAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION ON THE ADMISSIBILITY OF THE  
IRISH REPUBLICS APPLICATIONS AGAINST HER MAJESTYS GOVERNMENT  
RECEIVED VIRTUALLY NO PUBLICITY OUTSIDE THE UNITED KINGDOM AND  
THE IRISH REPUBLIC. SHOULD THIS SITUATION CHANGE I SHALL  
CONSIDER WHETHER STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN TO DRAW THE ATTENTION  
OF PUBLIC OPINION OVERSEAS TO THE CONTRAST BETWEEN THE IRISH  
REPUBLICS ACCUSATIONS AGAINST HER MAJESTYS GOVERNMENT AND  
THEIR OWN FAILURE TO DEAL EFFECTIVELY WITH TERRORISTS SEEKING  
REFUGE IN, AND MOUNTING ATTACKS FROM, THEIR TERRITORY.

BERNHARDT OF MARKPRESS HAS ALREADY SPOKEN TO ME ABOUT IT ON  
PHONE.

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*3/11* *Leas Rúnaí Cainte,*  
*You may wish to see*  
*& return in due course.*  
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