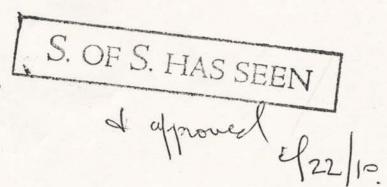
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Since you wrote to me on 17 September about the monument to so-called "heroes" in Crossmaglen, I have been looking very carefully into the planning and other background to this case.

While you have described this as an "illegal" monument I must tell you that the legal advice I have received on this matter indicates that the erection of the monument does not constitute a legal offence and that in the light of the planning permission given by Armagh County Council in 1973 and of my powers under the planning laws I have concluded that there is no action which I should now take in the matter.