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19th June, 1973.

An Taoiseach
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Dear Taoiseach

At the last government meeting I referred to the possibility of a speech being made by you on Northern Ireland at this stage which might contribute constructively to the evolution of events in the period immediately prior to the General Election of 28th June. There are pros and cons about such a speech - on the one hand it could be argued that we should at least attempt to contribute constructively to the run in to this election; on the other hand it could be said that we would be wiser to hold our hand with respect to any advance on our existing position, until we reach the negotiating stage. With a view to helping towards a decision on this matter we have prepared a draft speech which you might wish to have a look at with a view to deciding whether such an initiative would at this stage be worth while. I enclose copies of it.

Yours.