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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