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1. We would be happy to take action with the Secretariats-General of the Commission and the European Parliament. But private soundings in the Commission suggest that action to discourage contact with Sinn Fein would stand a higher chance of being 100 percent effective if it came jointly from us and the Irish Government. We gather that some thought was being given in Dublin last week to raising this via the Anglo-Irish Secretariat. Meanwhile the Irish Representation here have received no

2. We therefore wonder whether it would be worth touching base with the Irish in Dublin or Belfast before we fire here.

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