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THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT, OF A STATEMENT RELEASED AT 11AM BY MR  
~~ROXX~~ ROBIN CHICHESTER-CLARK. THE TEXT WAS DELIVERED BY HAND A FEW  
 MINUTES AGO BY AN OFFICER FROM THE CONSERVATIVE RESEARCH DEPARTMENT  
 QUOT

STATEMENT BY MR R CHICHESTER-CLARK M P ON DR HILLERY

FRIDAY JULQ 10L110 AM

DR HILLERY, THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS IN THE REPUBLIC OF  
 IRELAND, HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN STRENUOUS "DIPLOMATIC" ACTIVITIES  
 DURING THE LAST FEW DAYS. HE HAS REPEATEDLY STATED THAT HIS  
 OBJECTIVE IS TO REDUCE FEARS AND TENSION IN NORTHERN IRELAND.  
 HE HAS ALSO SAID THAT A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO THIS END WOULD BE  
 THE CANCELLATION OF THE ORANGE PARADES ON JULY 13.

HE IS, OF COURSE, ASKING THE ORANGEMEN TO ABANDON THE CIVIL RIGHT

HPON WHICH THEY PLACE THE GREATEST VALUE AT THE PRESENT TIME AND <sup>one</sup> AND <sub>1</sub>

WHICH THEY HAVE ENJOYED, ALMOST INVARIABLY PEACEFULLY, FOR  
 GENERATIONS. THE FEARS AND TENSIONS OF NORTHERN IRELAND TODAY DO  
 NOT EXIST JUST IN ONE PART OF THE COMMUNITY. THE APPREHENSIONS  
 OF THE MAJORITY OF ABSORPTION INTO THE IRISH REPUBLIC IS NOWADAYS  
 OFTEN FORGOTTEN. DR HILLERY COULD MAKE A GESTURE AT THIS CRITICAL  
 TIME WHICH WOULD CONTRIBUTE SUBSTANTIALLY TO I XX HIS PROFESSED  
 DESIRE FOR A PEACEFUL AND HARMONIOUS CLIMATE IN THE PROVINCE. I,  
 THEREFORE, CHALLENGE HIM TO OFFER TO THE ORANGE ORDER IN RETURN FOR  
 THE SACRIFICE WHICH HE ASKS OF THEM, FULL RECOGNITION OF NORTHERN  
 IRELAND AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE UNITED KINGDOM INSTEAD OF  
 CLAIMING TERRITORIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE WHOLE OF IRELAND AS THE  
 REPUBLIC INSISTENTLY DOES IN ITS PRESENT CONSTITUTION. THIS WOULD  
 BE TRUE STATEMANSHIP AND A REAB CONTRIBUTION TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF  
 RELATIONS BETWEEN THE COMMUNITIES.

I AM ARRANGING TO HAVE A COPY OF THIS STATEMENT DELIVERED TO DR  
 HILLERY THOUGH THE EMBASSY OF THE IRISH REPUBLIC AS A MATTER OF  
 URGENCY.

UNQUOTE.

10/7/70

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