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Mr. Murray
I agree
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Mr Kelly

To see please. In the
light of recent events in the area
concerned we could hardly
object to these road closures
regrettable as they are
1/7/80

Further to the closure of the Lackey Bridge crossing on Monday, 23 June, and as part of a number of coordinated counter-terrorist measures in the Newtown Butler area of Fermanagh, the Government has decided on the advice of the security forces to close a number of border crossings in the section of the border south east of Newtown Butler bounded on the east by the Newtown Butler - Magheraveely - Mill Brook Road, and in the south by the Newtown Butler - Butlers Bridge Road. The closures will begin on the morning of 1 July and will be completed in the space of about two weeks.

RUC soundings indicate that there is likely to be little local opposition to the closures and the Garda, who have been consulted, have no objections. These further counter-terrorist measures of which the border closures are only a part should reduce tension and fear in the south east of Fermanagh and reassure law abiding members of both communities in the area.

BRITISH EMBASSY
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