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THE PRIME MINISTER

6 September 1979

Thank you for your telephone call asking for the recall of Parliament to consider measures in Northern Ireland.

I naturally share your deep concern about the recent tragic events in Ireland on both sides of the border, and the Government has thought very carefully indeed about your proposal that Parliament should be recalled. But after considering all the relevant factors, we do not feel that it would be appropriate to recommend this course of action.

I must emphasise that this decision in no way detracts from the seriousness with which the Government views recent events.

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*Identical letters sent to:-
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