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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

Proposal for the Supply of Natural Gas to Northern Ireland from the Republic of Ireland

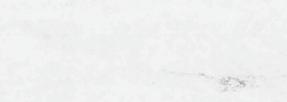
- 1. I have seen your minute to the Prime Minister of 7 June about the prospects for the Kinsale Gas project.
 - 2. Although we obviously cannot ignore the economic realities, I naturally share your concern for the adverse effect cancellation of the project at this stage would have on Anglo/rish relations.
 - 3. I would be happy to discuss the problem with you after Adam Butler has seen Mr Spring. In the meantime, I agree that Adam should take as neutral a line as possible in the House on Monday, 11 June.
 - 4. I am sending a copy of this minute to the Prime Minister, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary of State for Energy and Sir Robert Armstrong.

(GEOFFREÝ HOWE)

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