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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM NOW REPEATED TO YOU AT REQUEST OF DEPT WAS  
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YOUR TELNO 2151: PRIME MINISTER'S MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT:  
NORTHERN IRELAND

1. THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND NSC NOW/NOW AGREE THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER TO VOLUNTEER THAT NORTHERN IRELAND HAD BEEN DISCUSSED AT CAMP DAVID. THEY, HOWEVER, CONCERNED THAT THE LINE IN YOUR TUR PLACES THE PRESIDENT IN TOO PASSIVE A POSITION AND WILL HINDER THEIR EFFORTS TO DEFLECT CONGRESSIONAL CRITICISM HERE.
2. AFTER DISCUSSION THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAD SUGGESTED THAT BOTH SIDES SHOULD SAY THAT THE PRIME MINISTER HAD BRIEFED THE PRESIDENT ON THE ANGLO-IRISH SUMMIT; THERE HAD BEEN AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE PRESENT SITUATION ON NORTHERN IRELAND; AND THE PRIME MINISTER THANKED THE PRESIDENT FOR WHAT THE UNITED STATES WAS DOING TO CLAMP DOWN ON SUPPORT FOR THE TERRORISTS.
3. UNLESS WE RECEIVE FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS, WE SHALL ASSUME THAT THIS IS ACCEPTABLE.

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