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PRIME MINISTER

ANGLO-IRISH RELATIONS: NORTHERN IRELAND

You had two questions on Sir Robert Armstrong's submission:

- (i) How would the Flags and Emblems Act be repealed? I am told that the answer is by Order in Council.
- (ii) You asked why it was not the practice to submit Anglo-Irish agreements for ratification. The explanation appears to be that Ireland was originally treated in this way as a Member of the Commonwealth and the practice has not subsequently changed.

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