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We should not overlook that two British soldiers have been killed in Belfast in the past 48 hours. Those who engage in so-called "reprisals" have lost all moral sense. They are taking advantage in the most cynical and destructive way of the natural grief and sorrow of the families of Seamus Cusack and George Desmond Beattie who gave us an example of Christian charity and fortitude which I hope will be remembered and balanced against the shame we should feel as a people for some of the things said to be done in our name. I extend our sympathy to the relatives and friends of the British soldiers just killed in Belfast in their tragic loss.

14th July 1971