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## What the Taoiseach should ask for

The Unionist monopoly of power must disappear. This 1. implies a form of Government or Administration which will enable consensus to be reached across a central band of opinion from moderate unionism to moderate non-unionism. The British Government should indicate publicly that 2. it is in favour of Irish reunification by agreement. An all-Ireland Council should be set up which would work 3. towards bringing the two parts of Ireland into harmony. This Council might include an advisory role for the British Government but should, in principle, be bilateral as between Dublin and Belfast while perhaps bringing in London at the technical levels, when necessary.

If, as seems likely, Mr. Heath should press for action against the IRA, the Taoiseach should, in the first instance, point out that the IRA activity is a product of the unsatisfactory situation in the North and the first priority is to examine political means of remedying that situation. When these are agreed then it is time to talk about dealing with the IRA the support for which within the North would, in any event, diminish when solut tions are in sight.