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14 February 1972

A chara,

The Taoiseach, Mr. Lynch, has asked me to acknowledge your letter of the 9th instant and to reiterate what he said, in the Dáil speech to which you refer, regarding the burning of the British Embassy. The Taoiseach, having paid tribute to the peaceful and disciplined protest march through Dublin on the 2nd instant, said that the nation would gain no credit from such an action as the burning of the British Embassy and warned that those who sought to usurp the functions of the Government would meet with no toleration.

The Taoiseach also pointed to the need to show the world that, with dignity and restraint, the Irish people could express their grief and support for the Northern minority without at the same time playing into the hands of those who would destroy the country's fundamental institutions.

The Taoiseach is convinced that these views, and the other views which he expressed on the Northern situation, in the course of his Dáil speech on the 3rd instant command the support of the great mass of the Irish people.

Mise, le meas,

Bl. de V. W. M.
Rúnaí Príobháideach

