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MacBride Principles

The GIS received a query from the "Sunday News" Belfast as to the Taoiseach's attitude to these Principles. Having consulted the Department of Foreign Affairs and the Secretary to the Government I told the GIS that a response on the following lines could be given to the newspaper:-

- (1) The Taoiseach understands the thinking behind measures which are aimed at promoting anti-discrimination employment practices in Northern Ireland
- (2) Having said this, the Taoiseach would be against any measures which involved disinvestment and further damage to the economy of Northern Ireland
- (3) During his visit to the United States the Taoiseach had given indications of encouragement for investment in Northern Ireland.

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