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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dean Gaurel-

I was pleased to learn that the bill to ratify the European Convention on the Suppression of Terrorism has been passed by the Dail. I know that this has not been easy for your Government, and I much appreciate the efforts which you have made to get it through. Your success in doing so represents a real step forward for the Anglo-Irish Agreement. I am confident that, once the bill has passed its remaining stages and is implemented, it will provide a strong weapon in the continuing fight against terrorism in these islands.

Bertwisnes for Christmas and the New Year

Commen Dagare

Dr. Garret FitzGerald TD.