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At his luncheon for Mr. Lemass today, the Prime Minister raised the question of the I.R.A.

Mr. Lemass said that he was aware of their activities and was watching them carefully. On the whole he thought reports about the I.R.A. tended to be exaggerated but this did not mean that he was taking them lightly.

There was in particular a risk that the I.R.A. might wish to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Easter Rebellion by acts of lawlessness but the authorities in the Republic would do all they could to prevent this.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Forster (Commonwealth Relations Office).

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