

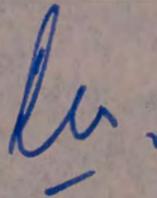
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Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary of State to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram about the march being undertaken by members of People's Democracy from Belfast to Londonderry.

The Secretary of State is keeping himself fully advised of the situation but I am to point out that under the constitution of Northern Ireland provided for in the Government of Ireland Act, 1920, the matters in question lie entirely within the competence of the Parliament and Government of Northern Ireland.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,



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