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COMMENTS BY THE TAOISEACH

The Irish side have provided me with copies of a speech by the Taoiseach on the occasion of his being conferred with a Honorary Law Degree at Stonehill College in Boston and a transcript of his comments on RTE Radio 1 this morning.

2. The speech in Boston deals mainly with a brief overview of the role of the Irish in America and the need for Europe and the United States to work together. The extract which I have included at Annex A deals with the questions of the Political Talks and the US Peace Envoy.

3. The radio interview is attached at Annex B and deals with the role of the Irish Government in the Political Talks and returns to the question of the Government of Ireland Act and Articles 2 and 3.

[Signed]

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