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**Extract of the Taoiseach in the Dail
on Thursday 11th September 1997**

Taoiseach:

"I just heard the preliminary reports and have seen some of the news lines - very brief reports - but it would be a matter of major concern. Can I just say this. Sinn Fein on Tuesday last signed up to the Mitchell Principles and how the Government view this matter is that I expect the Mitchell Principles to be honoured by the entire Republican Movement and the way forward is that matters are dealt with by democratic, peaceful means and that the issue of disarmament is also dealt with by whatever means which will be now dealt with in the Commission, but that is the position and I would expect the entire Republican Movement to honour that position".

ENDS.