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Dear John

Thank you for your letter of 13 October enclosing a copy of correspondence from Councillor Breandan MacCionnaith, spokesman of the above group.

Mr MacCionnaith's letter contains nothing that he and his group have not said before. It is, however, fairly offensive in nature and despite the fact that he is an elected Councillor to Craigavon Borough Council we recommend that a reply is issued from this office rather than from the Prime Minister's. No doubt the fact that the Prime Minister has not replied himself will be seen as a slight, but we can live with that.

Yours Dand Vole

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