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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRIME MINISTER:

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Mr. Hearne has just sent me, for your information, the official final returns for the Irish elections. The state of the Parties is as follows:

	Seats
Fianna Fail	67
Fine Gael	32
Labour	17
Clann na Talmhan	8
Other Farmers	6
Independents	8

Before dissolution Fianna Fail (Mr. de Valera) had 72 seats, Fine Gael (Mr. Cosgrave) 41 seats, Labour 9 and Independents 7 - Vacant 9. Mr. de Valera's over-all majority of 15 has been converted into a minority of four. He appealed for a straight majority to avoid the dangers of Coalition Government. I should think, however, since neutrality does not divide the Parties, that he probably would be able to pick up enough support from the Farmer and Independent groups to carry on the Government.

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