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should in our view result from such an approach. We feel that the best course would be that the United States Government should make their approach first, and that we should follow it a day or two later with a communication from ourselves to the Eire Government indicating that we welcomed this United States initiative and supported their request.

Accordingly the United States Minister in Dublin on Monday last presented to the Eire Government a note in the above sense. Mr. De Valera, we understand, indicated to him orally that the reply of the Eire Government would be in the negative.

The United Kingdom representative in Dublin presented our supporting note yesterday. ^{Monday} He reports that Mr. De Valera, in conversation, took strong exception to the presentation of a note and suggested that it was part of Allied policy of putting a squeeze on neutrals.

It is understood that the Eire Government are now considering the terms of a formal reply to the United States note (and presumably to our note) and when this is received the position (including the question whether there should be any publication) will be further considered.
Ends.

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