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Mr. de Valera also said to Sir John that since he had told him one secret he might not object to telling him another. He then asked Sir John if it were true that a pressure movement was growing among the United Nations with respect to Ireland. Sir John answered in the negative. I should here mention that Sir John gave me this least mentioned information in the strictest confidence, and he requested me to respect that confidence. I have some doubts as to whether, under the diplomatic code of ethics, I am doing the right thing in even passing on this information to you. In case I am not, please keep it to yourself and destroy this fly leaf. On the other hand, this information might influence your actions in tightening up on supplies to Ireland since it might be interpreted by the Irish Government, if it came at this time, as pressure. I consider therefore, that it might be very important that you should have the above mentioned information.

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