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MR ALISON

As you will see from the attached extract from the official report, Mr. McNair-Wilson asked John Biffen during Business Questions this week why there was a statement following the Anglo/Irish Bilateral and not after the Anglo/German Bilateral. I am not sure what his motive was for the question but you might like to consider whether to have a word with him to the effect that such a statement is expected by Northern Ireland members. Not to make one would cause more trouble than it is worth even if it is a little inconsistent with normal practice.

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