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If the answer to this question is that you intend to use this peaceful space to try again to restructure "The Six County State", then history will again repeat itself in Ireland.

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