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Dear Editor:

Fareed Zakaria correctly suggests that Britain rejoin the E.U. (“There’s a remedy…” 2/3/23) but this will not happen any time soon. First, the scorched earth ‘Leave’ crowd led by Lord Frost and Jacob Reese-Mogg, remain a force in a Conservative Party with less than 2 years left in power. Second, practically speaking the break with the EU is not complete until a host of legal and financial issues are negotiated. Those talks could be rancorous and have a negative impact on key sectors of Britain’s economy. Third, a transition to rejoining the EU would require the good will of the United States. Unfortunately, the Conservatives have publicly proclaimed their intention to repeal the 1998 Human Rights Act in NI and pass a bill that absolves Britain and its security forces from a lawless killing spree in NI that has left 1000 civilian deaths without police investigation or a Coroner’s Inquest. The opposition includes the EU, Irish government and Members of Congress.

A less painful and near-term help to Britain’s recovery may be found in their obligation to conduct a Unity Referendum found in the UK-EU peace pact known as the Good Friday Agreement (GFA). It acknowledges the likelihood of Ireland’s reunification when Britain but not Ireland voted to leave the EU. In 2016 after the Brexit vote former President of the U. S. Council on Foreign Relations and former Special Envoy to Ireland, Richard Haass stated “this means an end of the United Kingdom.” The Conservatives are just not ready to lessen the financial burden of its last colony.

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