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In message <486cc2dlmcgt28ph5nbt9ap49asfu6cnv@xxxxxxx>, Mark <mark@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> writes

On Tue, 25 Jul 2006 13:55:09 +0100, Richard Herring <junk@[127.0.0.1]> wrote:

Which parts of Britain are not in the U.K.?

Britain constitutes the territories of the British Crown.

Thank you for playing. "Britain" is a geographical entity. "Great Britain" is a political one.

Other way round, surely!

Both ways, if you try hard enough.

As you say, we're technically the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. 'Great Britain' has no political sense as such.

Tell that to those who drafted the Act of Union 1707:

"That the two kingdoms of Scotland and England shall, upon the 1st day of May next ensuing the date hereof, and for ever after, be united into one kingdom by the name of Great Britain,..." "

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Richard Herring