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Northern Ireland Relief Expenditure (Grant-in-Aid)Submission by Department of Finance to Committee of
Public Accounts

- 1 The submission has been prepared on the basis that the names and addresses of people ^{living outside the State} who received money, directly or indirectly, from the Grant-in-Aid are not given. These people are referred to as "Mr A", "Mr B" etc. This point is made clear in a covering note which adds that a list of the people in question is available.
- 2 The individuals in question are indicated in the attached list. They include John Kelly who, when he received payments through the Grant-in-Aid, was living in Northern Ireland⁷.
- 3 It is likely that the PAC will ask for particulars of the individuals in question and it is desirable to determine, in advance of any such request, the line that should be taken on it. The PAC may wish to have the particulars for their confidential information or may desire to publish the information with their report. Even if the Committee do not intend to publish the information with their report, it would seem prudent to proceed on the basis that if the information is given to them, it may not be possible to guarantee confidentiality. This point could be important in regard to some of the individuals on the list.
- 4 As regards the individuals on the list -
 - (i) Mr Doherty was prominently associated with the defence of the Bogside in August, 1969. It is

understood that he emigrated to America but returned recently to Derry. Publication of his name might pose some difficulties for him.

(ii) Difficulties may also be posed for the four priests on the list, if their connexion with the Grant-in-Aid were publicised.

(iii) Mr Devlin, M P, has already publicised his connexion with the Clones bank account but has denied any connexion with the Baggot Street account. Both he and Mr Kennedy, M P, have stated that they would be prepared to appear before the PAC if requested.

(iv) Mr McGrory, a Belfast solicitor, was the third person (the other two were Messrs Kennedy and Devlin) in whose names the Clones bank account was held. He has made it clear (and Messrs Devlin and Kennedy have confirmed this) that disclosure of his connexion with these payments would spell the end of his professional life in Belfast. He has emphasised this point in volunteering information about his connexion with payments from the Grant-in-Aid.

(v) It is not clear whether S [redacted] M [redacted] or J C [redacted] are nom de plumes or not. The presumption is that M [redacted] is not a nom de plume.

5 (iii) The Taoiseach may wish to consider discussing with the Leaders of the Opposition Parties the issues involved in disclosure of the names of the individuals in question.

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SECRETList of individuals living outside the
jurisdiction in the order they appear in Report

- A Mr P Doherty, Derry
- B Father J D [REDACTED]
- C Father C O [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
- D Father H [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
- E Father C M [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
- F P Kennedy, M P, Belfast
- G P Devlin, M P, Belfast
- H P McGrory, Belfast
- I S [REDACTED] M [REDACTED]
- J John Kelly, Belfast
- K J C [REDACTED]