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FOR HQ FROM CON GEN NEW YORK  
FOR SWIFT FROM SMYTH

LILLIS HAS ASKED ME TO TELEX THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO YOU:

1. A.P. INFORM ME THAT THEY MISSED THE STORY IN PITTSBURGH LAST NIGHT BUT HOPE TO REPORT THIS EVENING CARRYING THE CARTER CLARIFICATION STATEMENT OF TODAY.
2. THERE FOLLOWS REUTERS REPORT ISSUED TODAY WHICH CORRECTS MISTAKE IN THEIR NIGHT LEAD LAST NIGHT:

"WASHINGTON, OCT 28, REUTER - JIMMY CARTER'S CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS, RESPONDING TO MOUNTING PROTESTS OVER A STATEMENT HE MADE ON IRELAND, SAID TODAY THE DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE HAD NEVER SUGGESTED ANY VIOLENT SOLUTION TO THE IRISH PROBLEM.

HIS CAMPAIGN OFFICE HERE CLAIMED A LONDON NEWSPAPER REPORT CONTRADICTED THOSE OF REPORTERS WHO ATTENDED A MEETING MR. CARTER HAD WITH 30 IRISH-AMERICAN LEADERS IN PITTSBURGH LAST NIGHT.

A REUTER CORRESPONDENT, WHO WAS WITH MR. CARTER, SAID THE CANDIDATE STATED: "THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY UNDERSTANDS THE SPECIAL PROBLEMS IN IRELAND. IT IS A MISTAKE FOR OUR GOVERNMENT TO STAND IDLE. I KNOW HOW HEARTSICK YOU FEEL TO SEE THE BLOODSHED AND DISHARMONY IN IRELAND."

MR. CARTER SAID HE HAD TALKED WITH ROMAN CATHOLIC CARDINAL TERENCE COOKE OF NEW YORK EARLIER YESTERDAY ABOUT THE NEED TO ESTABLISH WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS A COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL PEACE, THE CORRESPONDENT REPORTED.

THIS WOULD PURSUE "THE CONCEPT OF OUR COUNTRY STANDING FIRM IN ITS COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS" MR. CARTER SAID.."

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"MR JOE DUFFEY, THE CARTER CAMPAIGN CHIEF IN WASHINGTON, SAID IN A STATEMENT TODAY:

"REPORTS OF THE MEETING BETWEEN GOVERNOR CARTER AND IRISH-AMERICAN LEADERS IN PITTSBURGH ..... CONTAIN STATEMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN DIRECTLY CONTRADICTED BY JOURNALISTS WHO WERE PRESENT DURING THAT MEETING."

MR. CARTER, HE SAID, "HAS NEVER ADVOCATED VIOLENCE AS A PART OF THE SOLUTION TO THE TRAGIC PROBLEMS OF NORTHERN IRELAND.

"HE HAS NEVER ENDORSED THE TACTICS OF ORGANISATIONS WHICH EITHER IMPLICITLY OR EXPLICITLY ADVOCATE SUCH A SOLUTION."

A CARTER EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT, MR. GREG SCHNEIDERS, SAID MR. CARTER'S COMMENT ON THE U.S. GOVERNMENT

STANDING IDLY BY MEANT "OBVIOUSLY THAT HE WOULD DEPLORE THE VIOLENCE AND THE BLOODSHED."

"BUT HE CERTAINLY DID NOT MEAN THE UNITED STATES WOULD SEND TROUPS OR ARMS OR ECONOMIC AID OR TAKE SIDES IN GENERAL," MR. SCHNEIDERS ADDED.

REUTERS' REPORT OF LAST NIGHT'S MEETING INCLUDED AN ERRONEOUS BACKGROUND STATEMENT THAT THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY POLICY STATEMENT, APPROVED AT THE PARTY'S PRESIDENTIAL CONVENTION LAST JULY, SAID THE UNITED STATES SHOULD ENCOURAGE THE FORMATION OF A UNITED IRELAND.

THIS, IN FACT, WAS STATED AT THE MEETING BY ONE OF THE IRISH-AMERICAN LEADERS. BUT THE PARTY POLICY STATEMENT MAKES NO SUCH REFERENCE.

IT SAYS: "THE VOICE OF THE UNITED STATES SHOULD BE HEARD IN NORTHERN IRELAND AGAINST VIOLENCE AND TERROR, AGAINST THE DISCRIMINATION, REPRESSION AND DEPRIVATION WHICH BROUGHT ABOUT THAT CIVIL STRIFE, AND FOR THE EFFORTS OF THE PARTIES TOWARDS A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF THE FUTURE OF NORTHERN IRELAND."

THE CARTER CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS HERE WAS FLOODED TODAY WITH ENQUIRIES ABOUT MR. CARTER'S STATEMENT.

CARTER AIDES WERE ALSO BUSY DENYING A LONDON REPORT THAT CARTER WORE AN IRA CAMPAIGN BUTTON.

"GOVERNOR CARTER DID NOT WEAR AN IRA-STYLE BUTTON AT THE MEETING YESTERDAY IN PITTSBURGH," A CAMPAIGN SPOKESMAN SAID. "



3. LAST NIGHT'S REUTERS REPORT ALSO CARRIED THE FOLLOWING  
IN ADDITION TO THAT WHICH IS QUOTED ABOVE:

"PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA, OCT 27 - DEMOCRATIC  
PRESIDENTIAL JIMMY CARTER, PROCLAIMING HIS IRISH  
HERITAGE, TODAY SAID IT WAS A MISTAKE FOR THE  
UNITED STATES TO STAND IDLE ON THE QUESTION OF  
NORTHERN IRELAND.

MR. CARTON WON THE ENDORSEMENT TODAY OF THE  
IRISH NATIONAL CAUCUS, A COALITION OF IRISH-  
AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS.

THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY PLATFORM SAID THE UNITED  
STATES SHOULD "ENCOURAGE A FORMATION OF A  
UNITED IRELAND."

FATHER SEAN MCMANUS, SPEAKING AT THE MEETING TO  
MR. CARTER AND PITTSBURGH MAYOR PETE FLAHERTY,  
SAID IRISH-AMERICANS ARE "DEEPLY HURT BY THE  
STONEWALL SILENCE OF THE NIXON-FORD  
ADMINISTRATION" ON IRISH PROBLEMS."

4. THE REUTERS JOURNALIST WHO ATTENDED THE MEETING WAS  
BOB CAIRNS FROM THEIR WASHINGTON OFFICE AND THE IRISH-  
AMERICAN LEADER WHO MISQUOTED THE PLATFORM WAS  
APPARENTLY FATHER MCMANUS.
5. THE A.P. POOL REPORT (WHICH THEY DID NOT USE LAST  
NIGHT) SAID THAT CARTER WAS ATTENDING A DINNER  
ORGANISED BY THE CAUCUS TO COMMEND HIM FOR "HIS  
HUMANITARIAN CONCERN FOR IRELAND". THIS REPORT  
ALSO QUOTED CARTER AS SAYING "TOO OFTEN WE HAVE  
SEEN INSTANCES WHEN HUMAN RIGHTS ARE VIOLATED AND  
WE DON'T SPEAK OUT".
6. TODAY'S NEW YORK POST DID NOT CARRY ANY REPORT OF THE  
MEETING BUT I UNDERSTAND THAT AFTERNOON PAPERS IN  
PITTSBURGH DID. THERE IS NO GREAT INTEREST AMONGST  
THE MAERICAN MEDIA IN THIS INSTANT AS YET. THE NEW  
YORK TIMES ARTICLE WHICH REFERRED TO CARDINAL COOKE'S  
17-MINUTE MEETING WITH CARTER YESTERDAY ONLY MENTIONED  
THAT EH HAD DISCUSSED THE QUESTION OF ABORTION.

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CORRECTION: POINT 6, FOURTH LINE:

"INSTANT" SHOULD READ "INCIDENT"

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