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28 November 1984

Subject Hydrographic Expert Witness for the "Marita Ann" trial.

Dear Bernard

I enclose for your information a copy of a letter which I received this morning from Mr George Squires of the Republic of Ireland Department at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

As you can see, Mr Squires confirms with us some of the points which we dealt with yesterday following my telephone conversation with you.

Best wishes

Orla

Orla O'Hanrahan
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Dear Oya, 0.04.28/11

HYDROGRAPHIC EXPERT WITNESS

I thought it might be useful to confirm the arrangements made for an expert witness in the field of hydrography to attend the "Marita Ann" trial in Dublin. (Mr Dempsey's letter of 20 November to Mr Clark refers.)

A senior draughtsman of the Hydrographic Department of the Ministry of Defence (Navy) will be able to attend the trial as requested. We discussed the sort of testimony he would be likely to have to give as he has not been an expert witness in any trial before. You informed me that he would be fully briefed at the Chief State Solicitors' Office on the day before the trial; his qualification as a senior draughtsman involved in the production of naval charts would be sufficient to establish him as an expert witness. The Chief State Solicitors' office consider that his experience in the production of charts would enable him to answer the sort of questions that might be asked at the trial.

The Ministry of Defence have provided the witness with a return ticket to Taunton. I will arrange for the payment of fares from Paddington to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and onward to Heathrow. I will forward claims for both these items of expenditure to you in due course. You informed me that the State Solicitors' office will be covering other expenses either directly or through yourself.

You confirmed that the Garda will be looking after the security arrangements for the visitor's stay in Dublin. He will be met on arrival at Dublin airport and will be escorted at all times until his departure. You are arranging for the British Embassy in Dublin to be told the name of the visitor's hotel.

*Yours sincerely
George Squires.*

G T Squires
Republic of Ireland Dept

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