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*Letter to Mr. Grew*  
29/4  
*CB Sect. 3.*  
*S.D.*  
*CB 7.5.*  
*PA*

The attached note from the French Embassy requests our assistance in the matter of the taking of evidence from Miss Cecilia Moore in connection with the disappearance of Seamus Ruddy. The French authorities say that their investigation established that Ruddy was a member of the IRSP until he resigned at the end of 1983. He arrived in France in 1984 and was employed as a teacher of English. Miss Moore told the French that Ruddy had not been seen since 9 May 1985. From a reading of the press, the French understand that Miss Moore alleges that the INLA were responsible for his disappearance, that a member of the INLA in France (whose identity she knows) had the key to Ruddy's apartment which he gave back to the landlord and that this person had told her that Ruddy had been brought back to Ireland for an interrogation. In May 1985 a bag containing blood-stained garments was found and in September of that year a connection was established between the clothing and Ruddy's disappearance.

The French Embassy note was received in the Department in the middle of December of last year. It was brought to my attention for the first time yesterday. It was originally sent to Consular who passed it on to Anglo-Irish. We asked the Embassy to provide a translation. At first the Embassy said they had sent one but later they accepted that we had not received it and undertook to send us a copy. We still have not received it.

*Agreed*  
I recommend that this matter be referred to the Legal Division to follow up.

*S.D.*

J Dillon

April 26, 1988

RÉPUBLIQUE FRANÇAISE

AMBASSADE DE FRANCE  
EN  
IRLANDE

DOUBLIN, Le 14 décembre 1987

N° 531 /AE

L'Ambassade de France présente ses compliments au Ministère des Affaires Etrangères et a l'honneur de lui faire tenir, sous ce pli, une commission rogatoire adressée par Melle LAMY, Juge d'Instruction au Tribunal de Grande Instance de ROUEN aux autorités judiciaires d'Irlande dans l'information suivie contre X... du chef d'homicide volontaire.

Le Juge d'Instruction souhaiterait que Monsieur CAPLIEZ et Monsieur CATHELOT de la Direction Centrale de la Police Judiciaire soient autorisés à assister à l'exécution de ce mandat judiciaire.

L'Ambassade de France saisit cette occasion pour renouveler au Ministère des Affaires Etrangères l'assurance de sa haute considération./

MINISTERE DES AFFAIRES ETRANGERES  
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