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T E L E X

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TO HQ FROM BELFAST
FOR D. O' DONOVAN FROM N. RYAN

To confirm that I have taken up all of the additional points contained in your telex C207 to O' hUiginn today.

Masefield has now given me some background information on the three arrested in Paris.

- Samuel Quinn was a Battery Sergeant Major in 102 Air Defence Regiment. He has been in the Territorial Army since 1974 and Masefield confirms that he was an instructor in the use of the blowpipe missile system. He appears not to have come under the notice of the police for any paramilitary involvement which may be somewhat surprising in view of the fact that his brother was caught in possession of arms, in his home, on 22 February 1989 and has been charged with offences in connection with that. The arms are thought to have been intended for or connected with Ulster Resistance. (This may be contrasted with the kind of treatment members of republican families sometimes get when one of them are known to be involved in terrorism and I made this point to Masefield.)
- Noel Little: He was a part-time Private in 2 UDR between June 1980 and June 1986 (Ulster Resistance was formed in November 1986). Masefield had no other information on any possible paramilitary or terrorist involvement.
- James King: He has had no connection with the security forces and is not known to have any criminal or paramilitary involvement although there is a suggestion that he might have been involved in the Ulster Clubs.

That is all the information that I have been given and as you can see it is not very adequate. Masefield will come back to me on other points raised.