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A/Sec Gallagher

I met with Paddy McGrory on the 1st March. He is very grateful to the Taoiseach for his personal interest in his welfare after the Finucane murder. He expressed himself as very satisfied with the actions taken by the RUC in respect to his security.

The RUC are convinced that the threat to him, Oliver Kelly, and Pascal O'Hare (who appears to have been added to the list) is a very real one. He showed me a copy of a message received by a news service from the UFF naming all three of them using a code ("Star of David Ulidia!") to verify its authenticity. While the RUC say the code is slightly out of date, they feel that this does not materially reduce the level of threat in this case.

Dessie Boal Q.C., has advised him that the only way to eliminate a threat of this kind is through contact with those making the threat and Boal is making discreet enquiries in this regard. McGrory himself is very reluctant to go down that avenue or to have any representations made to the people involved.

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