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FOR ASST. SEC. GALLAGHER/S O HUIGINN

FROM P. COLLINS

REF. CONVERSATION WITH O HUIGINN RE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF STEVENS INQUIRY. THE PRECISE TERMS OF REFERENCE ARE BETWEEN THE CHIEF CONSTABLE AND MR. STEVENS. HOWEVER, THE BRITISH SIDE, WHILE REQUESTING CONFIDENTIALITY, TOLD ME THAT STEVENS WAS ASKED TO REPORT ON

(A) THE DISAPPEARANCE OF DOCUMENTS FROM A BELFAST POLICE STATION (DUNMURRAY) AND HIS INQUIRY WOULD EMBRACE THE THEN CURRENT (RUC)' INVESTIGATIONS BEING UNDERTAKEN, (I) FOLLOWING ALLEGATIONS IN THE MEDIA ABOUT THE MISHANDLING OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION BY THE SECURITY FORCES (MCGINN MURDER) AND (II) THE DISAPPEARANCE OF DOCUMENTS FROM BALLYKINLAR CAMP.

(B) ANY OTHER MATTERS RELEVANT TO THIS AREA OF INQUIRY.

WHILE STEVENS HAS NOT BEEN ASKED TO MAKE "RECOMMENDATIONS" SPECIFICALLY, IT IS EXPECTED THAT HE WILL DO SO RATHER THAN LEAVE IT SIMPLY AT PASSING RELEVANT INFORMATION TO THE DPP FOR CRIMINAL PROSECUTIONS. IT IS FELT THAT THE INVITATION TO LOOK AT "MATTERS RELEVANT TO THIS AREA OF INQUIRY" WOULD LEAD STEVENS TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS. IT WOULD BE A MATTER FOR THE CHIEF CONSTABLE WHAT TO DO ABOUT SUCH RECOMMENDATIONS.

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