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TO HQ, FROM BELFAST
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FOR ASST. SEC. GALLAGHER FROM O'HUIGINN
PLEASE COPY ASST. SEC. O'CONNOR

RE: STAFF SECURITY

1. BRITISH JOINT SECRETARY APPROACHED US THIS MORNING TO SAY THEY HAD INDICATIONS FROM SECURITY SOURCES THAT SECRETARIAT STAFF MOVEMENTS TO AND FROM MARYFIELD WERE BEING MONITORED BY LOYALIST PARAMILITARIES WITH A VIEW TO A SHOOTING ATTACK ON THE CARS TRANSPORTING US TO THE AIRPORT. WHILE THERE WERE SOMEWHAT REASSURING INDICATIONS THAT THE PEOPLE INVOLVED HAD NOT IN FACT BUILT UP AN ACCURATE PICTURE THE BRITISH SIDE NEVERTHELESS FELT IT IMPORTANT TO ALERT US TO THIS THREAT AND URGED THAT WE SHOULD VARY PATTERNS. WE READILY AGREED TO DO SO AND ARE TAKING APPROPRIATE ACTION HERE. WE HAVE REQUESTED A MEETING WITH THE RUC NEXT WEEK TO DISCUSS ANCILLARY ASPECTS (E.G. RENEWED PROTECTION FOR STAFF ATTENDING MASS ETC). YOU WILL WISH TO BE AWARE OF MR. MILES APPROACH FOR ITS POSSIBLE IMPLICATIONS FOR DEPARTMENTAL STAFF. IT WOULD ALSO BE APPROPRIATE TO MENTION THE MATTER TO THE DOJ.

ENDS
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cc Mr Nally; AS
Mr de la Harpe; Mr Trevar
Generalist A1
Travellog.

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Person Staff.