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TO HO FROM LONDON FOR A. MACUNFRAIDH FROM JIM HENNESSY

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SAW HILL, CONLON AND ARMSTRONG THIS P.M. (WEDNESDAY) ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS.

WENT THROUGH GOVERNMENT STATEMENT WITH EACH ONE AND STRESSED THE GOVERNMENT HAD WELCOMED DECISION IN MOST POSITIVE TERMS COMING AS IT DID AFTER THE CONSISTENT CONVEYING TO THE BRITISH AUTHORITIES OF OUR CONCERN ABOUT THIS AND SIMILAR CASES.

ARMSTRONG WHILE BEING IN A STATE OF PLEASANT SHOCK EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR ASSISTANCE RENDERED. HE ASKED TO COME INTO THE EMBASSY AT A FUTURE STAGE TO CONVEY THIS PERSONALLY. HE ENQUIRED ABOUT PASSPORT FACILITIES. HIS SOLICITOR WILL TAKE HIM TO A QUIET PLACE TO ESCAPE MEDIA ATTENTION FOR A FEW DAYS. HE EXPRESSED APPREHENSION ABOUT COMING OUT AFTER 15 YEARS. HE ASKED THAT SENATOR MOONEY BE INFORMED THAT ARMSTRONG WILL CONTACT HIM SHORTLY.

HILL WAS APPREHENSIVE ABOUT OUTCOME OF SHAW SITUATION. HE IS ANXIOUS NOT TO HAVE TO GO BACK TO N. IRELAND. NO DECISION AVAILABLE AS OF 3 P.M.

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CONLON HAD HEARD THE MINISTER'S RADIO INTERVIEWS AND ASKED THAT HIS 'APPRECIATION FOR THE MINISTER'S EFFORTS SINCE COMING INTO OFFICE'' BE CONVEYED TO DUBLIN. HE IS DETERMINDED NOT BE USED AFTER HIS RELEASE ''BY THE WRONG PEOPLE''. HE SAID THE IRA MAD

TOLD THE BALCOMBE STREET GANG NOT TO COME FORWARD INITIALLY. HEARD THIS FROM SHANE DOHERTY. HE SAID HIS "MOTHER VOTES SDLP AND HE HOPES TO DO SO AS WELL". GARETH PIERCE WILL ORGANISE A PRESS CONFERENCE & FOR HIS MOTHER AND POSSIBLY HIMSELF POSSIBLY ON THURSDAY.

MET CONLON'S MOTHER AND FAMILY WHOSE VISIT WE HAD FACILITATED. WENT THROUGH GOVERNMENT STATEMENT WITH HER ALSO AFTER WE LEFT THE PRISON, PRIOR TO HER INTERVIEW WITH ITN WHO ARE TRANSPORTING HER AROUND LONDON FOR THESE DAYS.

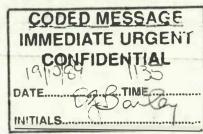
I WILL REPORT FURTHER ON SHAW SITUATION LATER. 11111

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TO HG FROM LONDON
FOR ANTON MAC UNFRAIDH FROM JIM HENNESSY



TO CONFIRM MESSAGE PASSED THROUGH NOEL KILKENNY ON WEDNESDAY EVEING. HAVE BEEM INFORMED IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE BY MIKE FISHER, SOLICITOR FOR PAUL HILL, THAT DECISION BY NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE ON HIS CLIENT'S CASE HAS NOW BEEN MADE. AFTER HEARING TOMORROW (19TH) HILL IS TO BE TAKEN BACK TO NORTHERN IRELAND TO CONTINUE SERVING LIFE SENTENCE FOR SHAW MURDER. HILL WAS INFORMED OF THIS AT APPROX 5 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY.

HILL WOULD THEN COME UNDER THE N.I. REGIME FOR LIFERS WHICH PROVIDES FOR A REVIEW BOARD, FISHER SAID.

THE COUNSEL TO COUNSEL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN LORD GIFFORD (FOR HILL) AND BY ROY AMLOTT (FOR THE PROSECUTION) TOOK PLACE EARLIE® TODAY. FISHER INFORMED ME, ON THE BASIS THAT I WOULD NOT REPORT IT, THAT PROSECUTION MAINTAIN THE NEW ENIDENCE DOES NOT AFFECT THE SHAW CONVICTION.

FISHER SAID PAUL HILL'S NORTHERN IRELAND SOLICITOR HAD BEEN PADDY MCGRORY. HE DID NOT KNOW IF HE WOULD WANT TO REESTABLISH THIS PROFESSIONAL RELATIONSHIP.

FISHER ASKED THAT WHATEVER POLITICAL LEVERAGE POSSIBLE COULD REUSED ON HILL'S BEHALF.

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TO HQ FROM LONDON
FOR A MCUNFRAIDH FROM JIM HENNESSY
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HAVE HEARD FROM SOLICITOR AT 8.50 AM THAT HE IS ABOUT TO SEE HILL. HE BELIEVES HILL WILL BE RETURNED TO NORTHERN IRELAND AFTER TODAY'S HEARING.

HE WILL SEEK INSTRUCTIONS ON WHETHER TO:

- 1. ATTEMPT TO USE THE PAROLE PROCEDURES IN NORTHERN IRELAND OR
- 2. LODGE AN APPEAL OR SHAW CONVICTION AND APPLY FOR BAIL.

HILL WOULD LIKE TO BE LEFT IN LONDON FOR 48 HOWRS AFTER HEARING TO CONSIDER HIS OPTIONS AND SEE FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

FISHER IS AFRAID HILL MAY NOT BE ALLOWED THAT OPTION. FISHER HAS KEPT MEDIA IN DARK ABOUT THIS SITUATION SO FAR.

HOW HILL'S SITUATION IS RESOLVED HAS VERY SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS FOR ANY CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION.

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