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19 OCTOBER 1989

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TO HQ FROM LONDON
FOR A. MACUNFRAIDH FROM JIM HENNESSY
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CONFIDENTIAL

DATE 19/10 TIME 1110

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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 DETERMINED NOT BE USED AFTER HIS RELEASE 'BY THE WRONG PEOPLE'. HE SAID THE IRA HAD

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TOLD THE BALCOMBE STREET GANG NOT TO COME FORWARD INITIALLY. HE 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. I 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.
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TO CONFIRM MESSAGE PASSED THROUGH NOEL KILKENNY ON WEDNESDAY
EVEING. HAVE BEEN 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 EARLIER TODAY.
FISHER INFORMED ME, ON THE BASIS THAT I WOULD NOT REPORT IT, THAT
PROSECUTION MAINTAIN THE NEW EVIDENCE 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.

19 FISHER ASKED THAT WHATEVER POLITICAL LEVERAGE POSSIBLE COULD BE
USED ON HILL'S BEHALF.
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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 ON SHAW CONVICTION AND APPLY FOR GAIL.

HILL WOULD LIKE TO BE LEFT IN LONDON FOR 48 HOURS 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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