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TO HQ FROM MADRID
FOR JOE BRENNAN PRESS FROM F.X. O'DONOGHUE

THERE FOLLOWS TRANSLATION OF AN ARTICLE IN THIS WEEK'S "INTERVIEW"

"INTERVIEW" DISCOVERS A DOCUMENT FALSIFIED BY THE BRITISH
AUTHORITIES IN THE "GIBRALTAR THREE" CASE. (IN BLOCK/OVERHEADING).

"SPANISH POLICE INFORMED THAT THE I.R.A. TERRORISTS WERE GOING
UNARMED (IN LARGE RED TYPE).

PHOTOGRAPHS TO RIGHT SIDE OF TEXT BELOW SHOWING STATEMENT

"BRITISH AUTHORITIES FALSIFIED A SPANISH POLICE DOCUMENT WITH THE
AIM OF SUPPORTING AN OFFICIAL POSITION ACCORDING TO WHICH MEMBERS OF
THE ELITE GROUP OF THE ARMY OF THEIR COUNTRY, S.A.S., WERE OBLIGED TO
SHOOT DOWN AN I.R.A. COMMANDO IN GIBRALTAR LAST YEAR FOR "LACK OF
INFORMATION" FROM THE SPANISH POLICE". THE FALSIFIED DOCUMENT
WHICH IS IN THE POSSESSION OF "INTERVIEW" WAS USED IN THE JUDGEMENT
WHICH DECLARED INNOCENT THE BRITISH SOLDIERS. THE SUSPECTED AUTHOR
OF SAME, CHIEF INSPECTOR OF THE MALAGA ANTI TERRORIST SQUAD HAS
DENIED, TO THIS WEEKLY, HAVING SIGNED THE SAID DOCUMENT. THE
IMPLICATIONS OF THIS NEW REVELATION BY "INTERVIEW" COULD CAUSE A
MAJOR CONTROVERSY INCLUDING THE REOPENING OF THE CASE ACCORDING TO
WHAT LONDON PARLIAMENTARY SOURCES HAVE INDICATED.

"6 MARCH LAST WAS THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF A CONTROVERSIAL INCIDENT
THAT OCCURRED IN GIBRALTAR WHEN THREE MEMBERS OF AN ACTIVE UNIT OF
THE I.R.A. DANIEL MCCANN, SEAN SAVAGE AND MAIREAD FARRELL WERE SHOT
DOWN BY MEMBERS OF THE ELITE S.A.S. OF THE BRITISH ARMY. THE THREE
TERRORISTS WERE GOING ABOUT UNARMED WHEN THEY WERE SHOT TWENTY SEVEN
TIMES. THE SPANISH POLICE WHO FOLLOWED THE TERRORISTS FOR MONTHS HAD
INFORMED PROMPTLY THEIR BRITISH COLLEAGUES. AT THE TRIAL WHICH LATER
BEGAN ON 6 SEPTEMBER LAST IN GIBRALTAR THE ONLY THESIS PROFFERED BY
THE SOLDIERS' DEFENCE WAS "THE LACK OF INFORMATION" ON THE PART OF
THE SPANISH AND THEY HAD TO ACT VERY QUICKLY FOR FEAR THEY COULD HAVE
DETONATED BY A REMOTE CONTROL DEVICE A VEHICLE LOADED WITH
EXPLOSIVES. THESE "SPYING ERRORS" CAUSED AN ACTION WHICH ENDED IN
THE DEATHS OF THREE TERRORISTS. "ERRORS" SUCH AS THE FACT THAT
THERE HAD NOT BEEN ANY VEHICLE WITH EXPLOSIVES IN GIBRALTAR (WHICH
APPEARED LATER IN MARBELLA NOT TO POSSESS A REMOTE CONTROL DETONATOR
ONLY A TIMER) AND, ABOVE ALL, MUCH EMPHASIS WAS PLACED ON I.R.A.
MEMBERS BEING FOUND IN GIBRALTAR WITHOUT PRIOR WARNING FROM THE
SPANISH. FACTS SUCH AS THE CONGRATULATIONS BY PRIME MINISTER MARGARET
THATCHER APPEARED TO PLACE DOUBT ON THIS VERSION.

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The British ambassador spoke
to me about this. He says, incidentally, that
the article is a fabrication.

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"TWO DAYS AFTER THE INCIDENT IN GIBRALTAR "INTERVIU" MET TWO SPANISH POLICE WHO TOOK PART IN THE OPERATION, WHO CONFIRMED THEY HAD BEEN FOLLOWING THE TERRORISTS FOR SIX MONTHS IN A WIDE RANGE OPERATION IN WHICH INSPECTORS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST SQUAD FROM MADRID, MALAGA, SEVILLE AND CADIZ TOOK PART UP TO THE GIBRALTAR ENTRY FROM WHERE THEY WOULD LEAVE DEAD. WHEN THE JUDICIAL INQUIRY TOOK PLACE MONTHS LATER THE TERRORISTS' DEFENCE LAWYER PADDY MC GRORY ASKED FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF SOME OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN FOR THE SPANISH POLICE BUT THIS NEVER CAME ABOUT. ON THOSE DAYS MARGARET THATCHER WAS FIRST TO ARRIVE AND A LITTLE LATER THE QUEEN OF ENGLAND. IT APPEARED THERE WAS NO INTEREST IN STIRRING THE CONTROVERSIAL GIBRALTAR THEME. AVAILING OF THAT POLITICAL CONTEXT THE BRITISH CROWN LAWYERS WERE BASING THEIR DEFENCE THE LACK OF SPANISH INFORMATION. DESPITE THAT, MCGRORY, THE LAWYER THEN REQUESTED THE JOINT APPEARANCE OF THE "INTERVIU" REPORTERS JOSE M. ALEGRE AND ENRIQUE YEYES TO WHICH THE JUDGE FELIX PIZZARELLO REPLIED THEY WOULD ONLY BE CALLED IN THE EVENT NO DECLARATION WAS GOT FROM THE SPANISH AUTHORITIES, EVEN IF IT WERE IN WRITING.

FALSE STATEMENT

THAT STATEMENT ARRIVED. AN ODD STATEMENT IN ENGLISH FROM THE ANTITERRORIST SQUAD CHIEF IN MALAGA TOMAS RAYO VALENZUELA IN WHICH HE ADVANCES THE WHOLE BRITISH THEORY THAT THE SPANISH HAD "LOST" THREE TERRORISTS ON THEIR ARRIVAL AT MALAGA AIRPORT ON 4 MARCH, 1988 TWO DAYS BEFORE THE BLOODY INCIDENTS IN GIBRALTAR. THE SWORN DECLARATION SIGNED BY INSPECTOR VALENZUELA BEFORE A GIBRALTARIAN POLICEMAN D.C.I.(E. CORREA) WAS HANDED TO THE JUDGE IN GIBRALTAR IN THE FINAL DAYS OF THE JUDICIAL INQUIRY WHICH ENABLED THE JUDGEMENT TO ABSOLVE THE BRITISH SOLDIERS. HOWEVER THAT DOCUMENT IS TOTALLY FALSE, A PURE BRITISH FABRICATION ACCORDING TO WHAT "INTERVIU" PROVED, THE AUTHORSHIP TO BE EMPHATICALLY DENIED BY INSPECTOR VALENZUELA FOR WHOM BY THE WAY IT WAS DIFFICULT TO SIGN IN A LANGUAGE WHICH HE NEITHER SPEAKS NOR UNDERSTANDS.

THE DOCUMENT IN QUESTION A COPY OF WHICH IS IN THE POSSESSION OF THIS WEEKLY CONSISTS OF SEVEN TYPE SCRIPTED PAGES AND IS DRAFTED IN ENGLISH. (IT IS A "STANDARD" DOCUMENT USED BY GIBRALTARIAN POLICE TO TAKE WITNESSES' STATEMENTS ("STATEMENT OF WITNESS") AND WAS THEORETICALLY DRAFTED BY THE HEAD OF THE GIBRALTARIAN POLICE E. CORREA WHO CAME TO MALAGA IN ORDER TO TAKE THE SAID STATEMENT FROM HIS COLLEAGUE - E TOMAS RAYO VALENZUELA ON 8 AUGUST 1988 THAT IS TO SAY BARELY WEEKS BEFORE THE OPENING OF THE JUDICIAL INQUIRY ON THE ROCK. ACCORDING TO THIS STATEMENT (ON THE COPY GOT BY "INTERVIU" THE NAME, FORENAMES, RANK, ADDRESS AND SIGNATURE HAVE BEEN ERASED AND ONLY CONSISTS OF THE NAME OF THE SUPPOSED AUTHOR TOMAS RAYO VALENZUELA AT THE END OF THE TYPED PAGE) THE SIGNATURE OF WHICH WAS NOT MADE BEFORE A NOTARY. THE BRITISH POLICE WOULD HAVE ALERTED THE SPANISH "BEFORE FOURTH OF MARCH" OF THE POSSIBLE PRESENCE OF I.R.A. MEMBERS "GIVEN WHAT WAS MENTIONED MOUNTED A SPECIAL CONTROL (...) UNTIL TWO INDIVIDUALS WERE OBSERVED COMING OFF FLIGHT IS 657 FROM PARIS WHOSE PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS COINCIDED WITH THE PHOTOS" MADE AVAILABLE BY THE BRITISH. THIS INFORMATION IN REALITY WAS MIXED WITH SOME REALITIES IN ORDER TO APPEAR GENUINE. ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT MENTIONED, THE SPANISH WERE WATCHING THE TERRORISTS FOR UP TO SIX MONTHS AND HAD BEEN THEN LEAVING FROM OUR COUNTRY ON TWO OCCASIONS, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER, TO PARIS UNTIL THEY RETURNED ON THAT FOURTH OF MARCH ON THE FLIGHT TO WHICH REFERENCE IS MADE. THE TWO INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFIED WERE DANNY MC CANN AND SEAN SAVAGE WHO ON ARRIVAL "PROCEEDED TO THE TOILETS" THE STATEMENT CONTINUES "WITHIN THE TERMINAL OF MALAGA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WHERE THEY REMAINED FOR A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME. ALMOST IMMEDIATELY THEY PROCEEDED TO THE BRANCH OF THE "BANCO EXTERIOR DE ESPAÑA" IN THE SAID AIRPORT WHERE WHILE ONE CHANGED FOREIGN MONEY THE OTHER KEPT WATCHING IN A VIGILANT MANNER. AT THAT PRECISE MOMENT THEY MADE CONTACT WITH A WOMAN WHO WAS IDENTIFIED AS ANOTHER OF THE ACTIVE UNIT, MAIREAD FARRELL". UP TO HERE THE VERSION COINCIDES WITH THE REALITY INDICATED BY THE SPANISH POLICE TO INTERVIU BUT FROM THAT MOMENT CHANGES OF THE REAL TO THE

FIDUCIOUS ARE SIGNIFICANT . BOTH MEN LEFT THE TERMINAL LATER AND GOT INTO A TAXI WHICH COULD NOT BE FOLLOWED, MEANTIME THE WOMAN WAS LOST WITHIN THE BUILDING GIVEN THE LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE AT THAT MOMENT''. ACCORDING TO THIS DOCUMENT THE SPANISH NEVER SAW THE TERRORISTS AGAIN AND INFORMED THE BRITISH THEY HAD LOST THEM, THE SPANISH NOT KNOWING ANYTHING MORE ABOUT THEM UNTIL THEY HEARD NEWS OF THE SHOOTING IN GIBRALTAR TWO DAYS LATER. NOTHING FURTHER FROM REALITY. ACCORDING TO THE VERSION GIVEN TO 'INTERVIU' IN ITS TIME, THE SPANISH POLICE AND THE STATEMENTS MADE NOW - MORE THAN A YEAR LATER - TO THE 'EL PAIS' NEWSPAPER (15/3/89) ONLY CONCEDES THAT 'THEY LOST' THE TERRORISTS 'FOR SOME PERIODS OF TIME, HOURS GIVEN THE MANY PRECAUTIONS THAT WE HAD TO TAKE NOT TO BE DETECTED, THEY WATCHED THE TWO MEN WHILE THEY SLEPT IN THE HOTEL SCANDANAVIA, TORREMOLINOS AND RENTED TWO VEHICLES BY WHICH THEY WENT TO GIBRALTAR ON SUNDAY 6 MARCH. ACTUALLY, THE POLICE ADMITTED ALREADY TO INTERVIU HAVING LOST FOR SOME CRUCIAL HOURS MAIREAD FARRELL FROM THE EVENING OF SATURDAY OF 5 MARCH TO THE MORNING OF 6 SUNDAY TO THE MOMENT IN WHICH SHE RETURNED TO HER TWO COMPANIONS - WHO WERE WATCHED BY THE SPANISH POLICE - IN ORDER TO PROCEED TO GIBRALTAR. THE BRITISH WERE PROMPTLY INFORMED OF EVERYTHING, INCLUDING THAT THEY WERE UNARMED AND WERE CARRYING NO TYPE OF EXPLOSIVES AS WELL AS THE FALSE NAMES THEY WERE USING ON THEIR PASSPORTS, ACCORDING TO WHAT SPANISH POLICE CONFIRMED IN MARCH OF LAST YEAR TO THIS WEEKLY AND HAS NOW BEEN CONFIRMED TO THE MENTIONED NATIONAL NEWSPAPER. THE DOCUMENT ENUMERATES MANY FACTS (ALREADY GIVEN BY SPANISH POLICE AT THE TIME) AND OF LITTLE INTEREST THROUGHOUT THE SEVEN PAGES.

WHEN THE CITED DOCUMENTATION CAME INTO THE POSSESSION OF 'INTERVIU'', COMING FROM THE LONDON BRIEF, THERE WERE MANY ODD POINTS SUCH AS A STATEMENT FROM A SPANISH POLICEMAN WITHOUT SENIOR RANK, NOT BEING DONE BEFORE A NOTARY, THE SIGNATURE BEING ERASED AND ABOVE ALL CONSISTING OF A VERSION TOTALLY DIFFERENT FROM THAT MAINTAINED BY THE SPANISH POLICE UP TO NOW ALTHOUGH NOT OFFICIALLY PRESENTED AT THE GIBRALTARIAN JUDICIAL ENQUIRY IT NEVER DENIED THE VERSION GIVEN TO INTERVIU ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS IN CONTRAST TO THE

THESIS OF THE BRITISH AUTHORITIES.

WHEN IN CONTACT WITH THE CHIEF INSPECTOR OF THE MALAGA ANTI TERRORIST SQUAD TOMAS RAYO VALENZUELA HE INDICATED TO INTERVIU THAT HE IS NOT

AUTHORISED TO MAKE STATEMENTS TO THE PRESS BUT IF HE WERE ABLE 'DENY EMPHATICALLY HAVING EVER SIGNED A DOCUMENT OF THAT SORT, NOT ONLY FOR NOT HAVING THE AUTHORITY FOR THAT BUT MOREOVER BECAUSE IT IS WRITTEN IN ENGLISH, A LANGUAGE WHICH I NEITHER SPEAK NOR UNDERSTAND, BY WHICH IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT THAT I MIGHT SIGN SOMETHING SUCH AS THIS IT IS A PURE LIE AND I DO NOT KNOW FROM WHERE IT COULD HAVE COME''.

THE IMPLICATIONS OF THESE REVELATIONS BY INTERVIU, THEN ARE VERY

SERIOUS GIVEN THAT THE FALSIFICATION OF A DOCUMENT USED IN A JUDICIAL PROCESS WITH THE CLEAR INTENTION OF HIDING THE TRUTH IS A VERY SERIOUS OFFENCE IN BRITISH LAW. THE POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS THAT COULD ALSO BE RAISED BY THE ISSUE IN THE WESTMINSTER PARLIAMENT ARE ALSO WHAT MARTIN FLANNERY CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON NORTHERN IRELAND THINKS COULD REOPEN THE CASE''.

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