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Mr Bourne. P22 copy to  
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Mr. [signature]

5 June 1990

Dear Assistant Secretary

I enclose a copy of a note by the weekend duty officer of abusive and threatening calls received at the Embassy. We have received a number of additional letters complaining of lack of activity against the IRA, and/or about extradition. The Bord Failte office has received only two calls - cancelling holidays - the other state-sponsored offices have not received any calls or letters.

I should also report that the burglar alarm at the Embassy was activated on Saturday night (11 p.m.), apparently through interference (accidental or deliberate) with the garage door. On Sunday morning the police (who instituted more frequent patrols) reported damage to a basement window, but it is not clear when this occurred. The window in question is a replacement one of Perspex material, installed following malicious damage last year. We are awaiting planning permission for the fitting of protective grills in the basement area. There is, incidentally, no electronic security in the basement area. We have submitted estimates to the Department, but sanction is, I understand, awaiting a decision on the renewal of the Embassy lease.

Yours sincerely

Andrew O'Rourke  
Ambassador

Mr P O'Connor  
Assistant Secretary  
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c.c. Mr Dermot Gallagher, Assistant Secretary

Ambassador

Reaction to shooting in Staffordshire and Germany

The Embassy received a number of calls over the weekend in response to the killing of two members of the British Army.

Three very abusive and aggressive calls were made on Friday evening. The following message was left on the answering machine between 11p.m. on Friday and 9a.m. on Saturday 2 June. The caller spoke with an English working class accent.

"We've had enough. The Army is going to retaliate. A wife or a child from your Embassy, soon".

I have retained the tape on this one call for the information of the police.

While in the Embassy on Saturday a.m. I took a call in person from a Mr. John Isaac. He insisted on speaking to the Ambassador. I offered to convey a message. Mr. Isaac said that "Ireland was a particularly nasty little country with more murderers per head of the population than any other country in the world". He will call again on Monday and insist on speaking to the Ambassador.

He said he called after a previous outrage and spoke to the Charge d'Affairs as the Ambassador was on leave.

During the remainder of Saturday a further five calls were made. These complained in more reasoned tones about Embassy officials being protected by the security forces while members of the forces were being murdered by "Irish killers". Two referred to the Taoiseach by name and claimed the Irish Government was responsible for these deaths.

On Sunday two calls were received both of which suggested the entire Irish community in Britain should be sent back to Ireland. One caller

blamed "the Irish people" for these outrages.

None of the callers were aware of the statement made by the Minister condemning these killings in the strongest terms. No caller referred to the question of extradition and none gave their names apart from Mr. Isaac.

One telex message and one letter (both anonymous) were received.

The Duty Officer in Dublin has been informed of the above.



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James J. Hennessy

Duty Officer 1 - 3 June 1990

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cc MR Murray  
MR Farrell