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BATTLE OF THE BOYNE TERCENTENARY EVENTS

- (a) The Independent Loyal Orange Institution (Northern based) plans to hold a religious ceremony at the site of the Battle of the Boyne at Oldbridge, Drogheda on Saturday, 30th June 1990. Gardai have met the Organisers to discuss details of the event. An estimated 250 members of the Independent Loyal Orange Order are expected to attend. The proposed location i.e. the Heritage Field has been refused to the Organisers. It is expected that 5-6 coaches will travel from Northern Ireland to the event. Dr. Paisley is expected to attend.

The Gardai are in communication with George Dawson, Secretary, Independent Loyal Orange Institution, Cyril Glass and Samuel McConaghy, members of the Institution.

- (b) The main ceremonies at the site are planned for Saturday, 14th July 1990, by the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland. This is being organised by members of the Orange Lodges in Cavan, Monaghan, Leitrim and Donegal. Gardai have had discussions with them, Mr. William Mitchell is the Garda contact.

The Gardai have requested details from them concerning all aspects surrounding the event. To date they have received practically no information. The Gardai understand that the Heritage Field has been refused to the Organisers. It is also understood that Lord Mountcharles has said 'no' and that another land owner who has been approached in the area has asked for a fee for the use of a field and wants indemnity insurance for all attending. At this stage it is that estimated about 5,000 will attend.

The policing and security measures for both events are being examined on an on-going basis by the local Divisional and District Officers and they have drawn up tentative plans to police both ceremonies.

5 April, 1990.

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August 1989

Dear Private Secretary

I am directed by the Minister for Justice and for Communications, Mr. Ray Burke, T.D., to refer to your Minister's representations at the instance of Mr. William Mitchell, Greagholia, Ballyconnell, Co. Cavan and Mr. Thomas Mayne, Kilconny, Belturbet, Co. Cavan who are involved in organising celebrations for the Tricentenary of the Battle of the Boyne in 1990.

The Commissioner, Garda Síochána has advised the Minister that correspondence has been received from various sources, including Mr. Mitchell acting as Secretary to the Committee for the Tricentenary of the Battle of the Boyne, outlining events which it is proposed to hold at the site of the Battle of the Boyne next June and July. The Gardai are liaising with all interested parties concerning the proposed events.

Yours sincerely,

S. J. K.

Private Secretary

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Minister for the Marine  
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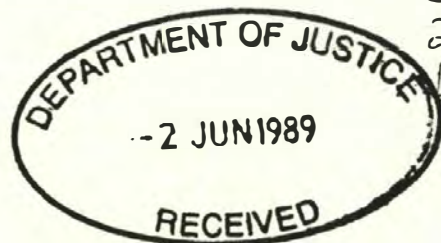
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31 May, 1989

Mr. Gerry Collins,  
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Dear Gerry,

I write on behalf of Mr. William Mitchell, Greagholia, Ballyconnell, Co. Cavan and Mr. Thomas Mayne, Kilconny, Belturbet, Co. Cavan who are involved in organising celebrations for the Tricentenary of the Battle of the Boyne in 1990.

There are a number of events which they are trying to organise in Slane on 14th July, 1990 and I understand that a meeting has been arranged with a Chief Superintendent Malone on 29th June next to discuss arrangements. It would be grateful if every assistance could be provided by the Garda Síochana in assisting in the organisation of the celebrations.

Yours sincerely

*John P. Wilson*  
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Minister for Tourism and Transport