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The Secretary,  
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PHOENIX PARK, DUBLIN 8, IRELAND.

- 8 MAY 1990

INTERNATIONAL LIAISON OFFICE  
CRIME AND SECURITY BRANCH

For the attention of Mr. W. Byrne

Progress Report - Ceremonies to commemorate the  
Battle of the Boyne - June and July 1990.

Herewith report on above from Chief Superintendent,  
Dundalk.

Previous report of the 18.4.'90 has reference.

*A. Beane*  
CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT FOR  
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER

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TO NOTE PLEASE

MS  
M. DUFFY

14/5/90

*My Dickie  
1. pl... from Secretary  
Mr. Dickie  
MS  
copy of report forwarded  
for information.*

*A. Burke*

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Assistant Commissioner,  
"C" Branch (Security).

RE: Progress Report - Ceremonies to commemorate the  
Battle of the Boyne - June and July, 1990.

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With reference to my report dated 6th April, 1990 in above connection, I have been informed by the Organising Secretary of the Grand Orange Order of Ireland that ceremonies proposed by them to commemorate the Tercentery of the Battle of the Boyne will not be held at the site of the battle at Oldbridge, Drogheda on 14th July, 1990.

Plans for the battle site ceremonies have been cancelled because of "hostility" and "exorbitant fees" for the use of the land, according to the organisers. They have expressed their appreciation to the Gardai and Bord Failte for their co-operation and assistance.

The events planned by the Independent Orange Order for 30th June, 1990 are going ahead. As far as the Gardai are aware there is no "hostility" in the area to the holding of the ceremonies but there is certainly a lack of interest by the local Authorities concerned and no local involvement in organising the actual ceremonies.

I shall keep you informed of developments.

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(J. J. Nolan)  
Chief Superintendent

The Tercentenary Committee responsible for the organisation of the Religious Service at the River Boyne on 14th July, regret to announce that they have been forced to cancel this event.

This decision has not been taken lightly, but the Committee finds itself with no alternative. We would wish to place on record our appreciation to the Garda and Bord Failte for their assistance and co-operation, and can only express our disappointment that their spirit of co-operation was not evident in so many other individuals and groups. With the exception of the afore mentioned the attempts to proceed with a Service were met with varying reactions ranging from complete hostility to demands for exorbitant fees for the use of land for a few hours. Despite the matter being raised at the highest level the Committee were faced with a complete lack of interest bordering on contempt from the authorities.

The Committee would however reaffirm its intention to suitably commemorate one of the most significant events in Irish history during this Tercentenary Year.

To Chief Supt Nolan;

With my best thanks and appreciation for all  
your help in the past.

Best wishes

M. A. Mitchell