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To Embassy London  
From HQ Anglo-Irish

For Joe Hayes  
From Keating

Fire at the Stevens Inquiry Headquarters 9/1/90

A fire broke out between 11 p.m. and midnight on 9 January 1990 in a corridor of the Headquarters of the Stevens Inquiry (A third storey office in Carrickfergus). The keyholder is John Stevens himself. He had been the last person to leave the building and he had locked all the offices personally before leaving.

The fire broke out in a corridor and is most likely to been accidental. A number of policemen who fought the fire suffered from smoke inhalation and were taken to hospital.

It is not yet clear if any material in the offices was damaged. We have been informed by the Secretariat, however, that there is a duplicate of all computerised material in Britain and a hard copy also kept elsewhere. The offices will be back to normal in a day or two.