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Mr. Mc Mahon, (o/r),

re: Lower Ormeau Project

B. Scannell phoned last evening seeking guidance on the bonafides of this group. It seems an American Charity has been approached by them for funds and has some spare cash to offer, if the group is deemed suitable by us. I have sounded out A. O'Neill in your absence, but he had nothing firm on them. Before he makes enquiries (with Alastair Mc Donnell), I wonder if you can offer an opinion?

P. Cullen

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24.1.1991

I recollect having someone called the Lower Ormeau Project but I am afraid my memory fails me. Alastair Mc Donnell will know - it is in his electoral area.

BJR 25/1

~~Mr Fitzgerald~~

Ms Cullen
Sec, the hq

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to emb. washington from anglo-irish
for brendan scannell from patricia cullen

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your call yesterday refers, on joyce mac cartan, lr ormeau project. northern contact, alasdair mcdonnell, advised to dissuade us charity at all costs from involvement. maccartan has well-known criminal involvement (in racketeering) and is what in belfast parlance, is known as 'one of the local hoods'. after her son was shot some years ago she became, to a degree, associated with some peace efforts, but mcdonnell doesn't take this too seriously. her project has, for some reason, received funding from the nio and this has given it a level of credibility which mcdonnell feels it in no way deserves.

the area is undoubtedly a deprived one. a group which is untainted and works for job creation there is the lr ormeau environmental group, headed by a nurse rosaleen mchugh. this would be deserving of support but probably not in the present context. if maccartan has written to the us charity seeking fund sit is better that they simply refuse her request and at a later date if they wish, in an unassociated way, they can turn their attentions to the second, bona fide group.

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