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To: HQ
For: C. O'Brien

From: Belfast
From: K. Dowling

Subj: Dunloy

1. Spoke again to the British side here yesterday, and again this morning, including on the basis of your communication of yesterday, on the prospects for Dunloy on Sunday afternoon.
2. The RUC have two notifications for a march - one from the local Orange lodge and the other, presumably a peace rally (to take place before the Orange parade) by the local residents. RUC have taken no decision yet in relation to either.
3. The police are still talking to both sides. The intention is to leave any decision to the last minute.
4. The British continue to maintain that the NIO have no "intelligence" our suggestion in regard to thousands of Orangemen turning up. They accept of course that in all such situations there is the possibility of "escalation".
5. John Fisher here will check with John Steele's office in the early afternoon, and with Steele himself later in the afternoon, for an updated assessment.
6. I have made clear that the picture as above is at variance with indications we are receiving from elsewhere.

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TO: HQ
FOR: C. O FloinnFROM: Belfast
FROM: B. Nolan**Subj: Dunloy**

1. Further to Mr. Dowling's SF 917 of today, the other side (John Fisher) received an up-date on above from John Steele this afternoon.
2. Chief Constable designate, Ronnie Flanagan, is involved in on-going efforts to avoid trouble. Both sides are in contact with him, but not with each other. As you know, Brendan McAllister has also been involved in mediation efforts.
3. The NIO are confident that there is no plan to bring in "thousands of Orangemen" from outside. They suggest that residents' fears of invasion are without foundation at this time and that we should use any contacts we may have with the residents' group to dampen such fears.
4. I indicated that, in the present atmosphere, such fears and worries are to be expected. It is of the utmost importance that the police should do everything possible to ensure that the rights and entitlements of both sides are fully respected and that the parade, if allowed, should be conducted in a way which, to the maximum extent possible, meets the wishes of Dunloy residents. Obviously, this would not be possible if large numbers of outside Lodges and others were to turn up with or without warning.

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Counsellors A-I Section
Messrs. Teahon, Donlon & Dalton
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FOR: C. O. FloinnFROM: Belfast
FROM: K. Dowling~~John Secretary~~ Ms. O'BRIEN
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Recvd. 5.15pm RV 6/9/96

RV 6/9

Subj: Dunloy

1. Further to my SF 914 of this morning to Ciara O'Brien (which remains the up-to-date position), I have now obtained some further background information in regard to the proposed Orange Church parade in Dunloy on Sunday afternoon, 8 September.
2. The Dunloy Union Defenders LOL 496 have indicated their intention to assemble at the Orange Hall at 5.30 pm, parade along their usual route from their Hall to the Presbyterian Church in the village. After the Church service the parade will re-trace its steps beyond the Hall to Greenacre and back to the Hall by 8.15 pm, from where it will disperse.
3. Oliver J. Kelly & Co., Solicitors, have written to the Secretary of State on behalf of the Dunloy Residents and Parents' Association (DRPA), asking the Secretary of State, in the interests of protecting the Catholic population of Dunloy from the insult, disturbance and offence which they claim will be created, to ban the parade, using his powers under Article 5 of the Public Order Order, 1987. The letter apparently disputes that the parade in question is a Church parade, suggesting that it is the intention of the organisers to invite numerous other Orange Lodges in what the local community perceives to be a triumphalist exercise in coat-trailing. The Solicitors have also written to the local RUC objecting to the holding of any such parade in Dunloy.
4. Contrary to the assertion that the organisers intend to invite numerous other Orange Lodges to participate, the RUC understand that only the local Lodge consisting of approximately 150 people and one band will be parading.

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5. The DRPA for their part have notified the RUC of their intention too to parade on Sunday. Some 300 persons without a band plan to assemble at 3.30 pm in the Diamond, parade along Main Street to Greenacre and back to the Diamond for dispersal at 7 pm.
6. As regards the request to the Secretary of State to ban the Orange Order parade, the standard procedure in such cases is for the Secretary of State (acting through officials) to consult the RUC at senior level before making any decision. The aim of this consultation is to confirm that the Chief Constable has no intention of applying to the Secretary of State for a ban.
7. It is my understanding that the RUC have been approached in this regard and confirmation has been received that the Chief Constable has no such intention at this time. The RUC have also advised that negotiations with both sides are continuing.
8. It can be safely assumed in the circumstances that the Secretary of State will decide to reject the request to ban the parade and that officials in due course will write to the Solicitors so informing them.
9. As previously advised, John Fisher here will check with John Steele's Office in the early afternoon, and with Steele himself later in the afternoon, for an updated assessment. Mr. Nolan will keep you advised in this regard.