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25 April, 1995.

Mr. Paddy Teahon,  
Secretary,  
Department of the Taoiseach,  
Government Buildings,  
Merrion Street,  
Dublin 2.

*Taoiseach  
To be aware  
please*

*P Teahon  
26/4*      *Seen*

Dear Paddy,

You will have seen the attached from the Department of Justice. You will recall the "feelers" put out by Fr. Reid about contacts with this group.

*Meeting  
of  
8 March  
attended*

Fr. Alec Reid and Fr. Gerry Reynolds are almost certainly the "Church persons" referred to in this letter. For what it is worth, Fr. Reid recently read me a letter from one of the same group, protesting that the weapons in question were being brought to Belfast for safe keeping rather than use, and generally proclaiming peaceful intent.

I repeated to Fr. Reid the difficulties we would have in getting political agreement for any meeting with such an erratic and isolated group, whose capacity to adhere to any consistent line, or to represent any significant constituency, was in obvious doubt.

Yours sincerely,

*Sean O hUiginn*

*Mr. Hillin  
S.H. 2.5.95*

Sean O hUiginn  
Second Secretary

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To Counsel Forum

TO FAX NO. 4 754 508

Urgent

DATE: 25/4/95

TIME: 2 05 PM

FOR: Pat Honnessy

FROM: John Bresnan

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Brief description of material Statement made by  
Director of case entered in Baltinger  
in Court this morning

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We the (Balbriggan) accused would like to make the following statement.

We are not involved in any way, in any action, that would put in jeopardy the 'Peace Process'. We are a delegation appointed by the leadership of the Irish Republican Socialist Movement, and for the last 18 mths. have been involved in discussions with relevant individuals and groups. We have a particular close relationship with a number of church persons based in Belfast, which can be verified by them. The thrust of our discussions with such church figures was to bring our movement into the equation with regard to the ongoing 'Peace Process':

We concluded quite some time ago that a new non-violent approach was needed to address and overcome problems relating to Irish unity. And in keeping with this point of view we were able to influence the Irish National Liberation Army to suspend its military operations in July 1994.

As a logical extension of the above position the Irish Republican Socialist Movement intends to send a delegation to the Forum for Peace and Reconciliation to articulate its political position for the future. The Irish Republican Socialist Movement has been involved in the Irish struggle for national liberation since 1974, and fully intends to be involved in the solution.

In conclusion, we would like to state that we are fully committed to supporting the continuance of the dialogue between the Irish Republican Socialist Movement and all the relevant individuals and bodies involved with the 'Irish Peace Process'.

MEETING WITH FATHER ALEX REID

ON WEDNESDAY 8TH MARCH 1995

Father Reid asked that a meeting be agreed to between officials in Dublin with the IRSP which is linked to the INLA.

The request arose out of work done by Father Gerry Reynolds in which Father Reid participated.

The INLA\IRSP had not had a ceasefire to match the IRA ceasefire and Father Reid said it was a source of worry, to the Loyalists in particular.

The work of dealing with INLA had been ongoing since last September and attempts had been made to have them speak to John Hume\Sinn Fein. The issue had been raised with the last Government of their making a submission to the Forum for Peace and Reconciliation.

Father Reid said that on Monday last representatives of the organisation had asked to speak to somebody from Dublin (this is linked to their view that they have not been accorded parity of esteem in the North by Sinn Fein in particular).

The meeting, as proposed by Father Reid, would take place in Ligoori House and would be chaired by the Provincial of his order.

Sent to  
Tim Dalton  
Sean O'Higgins

They recommended  
not to go ahead.  
Conveyed to Fr Reid  
P Teahan