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TO: HQ
FOR: Second Secretary O hUiginnFROM: Belfast
FROM: M. Tierney**Subj: Situation up-date at 4pm**

1. The British side has informed us that attempts by 50 members of the Royal Black Preceptory to parade in Bellaghy have now developed into a stand-off between both sides. An attempt at negotiation is taking place. (The British side has agreed to clarify the apparent contradiction between this development and earlier reports that it had been decided to force the parade through). There are 150 approx. protestors on the nationalist side. Police have discovered a number of petrol bombs in the village but do not know their origin.
2. In Belfast, three local Loyalist counter-demonstrations (originating from the Ormeau Road, the Shankill Road and Greencastle) have been turned away by the police from routes approaching City Hall, where the main Sinn Féin commemoration is taking place. The situation is calm at present.

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TO: HQ
FOR: Second Secretary O hUiginnFROM: Belfast
FROM: M. Tierney**Subj: Bellaghy and Dunloy**

1. The British side has noted our concern about the possibility of serious sectarian attacks in Dunloy following the mini-siege there last night.
2. John Fisher has contacted me in the last few minutes to say that the police had no intention at present of stopping this afternoon's Royal Black Preceptory parade in Bellaghy. I reiterated our concerns about the implications of a second attempt to force a contentious parade through the village this weekend. In addition, such a move could have negative consequences as we approach Black Saturday at the end of this month.
3. Caoimhín O Mhurchú of the Bogside Resident's Group contacted us today to inform us that a number of nationalists protestors from outside the village were expected in Bellaghy this afternoon.