



**NOTE FOR INFORMATION FROM SECRETARY OF STATE TO PARTY
LEADERS AT THE TALKS**

REPATRIATION OF SEVEN IRA PRISONERS

I am writing to let you know that seven IRA prisoners will be transferred to the Republic of Ireland shortly subject to operational and security requirements). The prisoners are Gerard Hanratty, Francis Rafferty, John Crawley, Donal Gannon, Robert Morrow, Peter Sherry and Liam O'Duibhir. Their applications for repatriation were approved by the Home Secretary before Christmas and they were notified then that they would be transferred in the New Year.

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