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**FURTHER IRISH SIDE CONCERNS**

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The Irish Joint Secretary relayed to me yesterday details of 3 individuals who it is alleged suffered at the hands of the RUC on 11 and 12 July, asking for further information. It appears that information about the cases has been laid before the Department of the Foreign Affairs by Eamon O'Cuiv, TD for West Galway.

2. As in the case of the earlier concerns and questions put to me yesterday, I would be glad of advice and guidance on our response together with whatever information can be made available.

Signed

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## ANTHONY SHIELDS

1. The Irish side are told that Shields lives off the Lower Ormeau Road and that on 11 July he was returning home in his father's car. The street in which he lives was in the process of being sealed off by the RUC. He anticipated that if he was quick he could still enter into the street but in doing so he was stopped by the police, hit and arrested. He was placed in a Hotspur and taken to Musgrave Street Police Station. He was released at about 2200 hours but when seen by Mr O'Cuiv there were visible foot-marks over his shirt where it is alleged he had been stood on and kicked when in the Hotspur. He has since been seen by a doctor and a medical report will become available. He has been charged with reckless driving and resisting arrest. The Irish side are concerned that evidence suggests that force was used and have questioned the necessity for its degree in the circumstances.

## DARA MCKEE

2. McKee (of 114 Sparmount Street) was visiting a community centre on 11 July when baton charged and injured. The Irish side have supplied further information in Annex B.

## GEORGE BARR AND JOHN JOHNSON

3. Both men were abused and attacked by police when in East Bridge Street in the Markets area on 12 July. Barr is mentally handicapped and has a deformed arm. Witnesses are adamant that neither was involved in any violence. The Irish side have been asked for further detail.

## MARTIN CONNOLLY

4. Connolly (a 19 year old apprentice bricklayer) of 31 Drumcoot Road, Armagh was knocked over and driven over by a Hotspur at 2130 hours on 11 July having been hit on the jaw by a PBR. It is alleged

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that the only efforts to rescue him were those made by his brother who received leg injuries from PBRs in the process. Connolly, whom it is understood was pronounced clinically dead at one stage, is now on a life support machine on RVH having suffered extensive chest, arm, shoulder and suspected spinal injuries. The Irish side have been urged that independent medical reports be obtained and there be an independent investigation into the circumstances in which Connolly sustained injury.

ALTNAGELVIN HOSPITAL INCIDENT

5. The attached note (Annex C) from the Irish side asks whether it is true that the RUC are seizing hospital records to help identify persons for arrest following disturbances there involving the police last week.

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ICC 18 JULY: HANDLING

A number of briefs have been submitted for today's ICC. In advance of this afternoon's pre-brief, I thought it might be helpful to try to pull together some thoughts on handling the meeting as a whole.

What do we want to achieve?

2. We want to leave this meeting with:

- a sense that the partnership between the two Governments has been restored;
- a clear commitment by both Governments to getting rapid progress in the negotiations;

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