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spoken were attributed to Mr. Danny Morrison, referred to at paragraph 4.11 above, who has stood in elections for Sinn Fein. The journal 'An Phoblacht' reports on the activities of Sinn Fein and the IRA and regularly carries interviews with persons purporting to speak on behalf of the IRA (see Annex 8 for copy of interview in issue of 17 August, 1989). The journal regularly reports "war news" which consists in the main of reports of actions carried out by the IRA. These reports are carried in a manner which is clearly supportive of these acts of violence. For example, see the issue of 15 March, 1990 (Annex 9) in which the murder of a part time member of the Ulster Defence Regiment is reported under the heading "British Soldier Executed".

4.15 In addition to publishing 'An Phoblacht', Sinn Fein also publishes a periodical known as 'Iris'. This publication also reports on the "war news" and the "armed struggle" and, as in 'An Phoblacht', most of this news concerns killings, bombings and other actions carried out by the IRA. It is quite clear from the text of 'Iris' that such actions have the full support of the publishers of the magazine.

4.16 The President of Sinn Fein, Mr. Gerry Adams, is on record as supporting the activities of the IRA. In the report in the 30 January 1989 issue of the Irish Times of his address to the Sinn Fein Ard Fheis (Annual Conference) he is quoted (See Annex 10) as saying:-



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"When I was elected as President of Sinn Fein, in my first ard-fheis address I elaborated on my attitude to armed struggle as a necessary and morally correct form of resistance in the Six Counties against a Government whose presence is rejected by the vast majority of Irish people. This remains my position."

Mr. Adams is also quoted as saying that he wished to speak "directly to active service Volunteers of Oglagh na hEireann" with regard to civilian casualties and went on to say

"You have a massive responsibility. At times the fate of this struggle is in your hands. You have to be careful and careful again ... it is a responsibility of leadership to lead from the front on this crucial issue as much as any other. Nothing I say should be interpreted as condemnation of the IRA ... The men and women volunteers of Oglagh na hEireann have my continued loyalty. As I remind them of their responsibilities I salute them as freedom fighters. Faced with numerically superior forces and beset by many difficulties, the ability of the IRA to survive and to remain intact in defiance of all that the British Government has done this last 20 long

years is a tribute to the courage, tenacity and resourcefulness of its volunteers".

In an article in The Irish Times of 24 November 1986, reference is made to an interview with Mr. Adams in the Belfast weekly newspaper, the Andersonstown News, in which he is quoted as saying that he would leave Sinn Fein if they were to renounce the IRA campaign. He is also quoted (see Annex 11) as saying

"My own position on the armed struggle is that it is a necessary form of resistance in the Six-County area against the British presence and in pursuance of Irish independence - armed struggle becomes unnecessary only when the British presence is removed".

- 4.17 Apart from Sinn Fein and the IRA, other organisations come within the scope of the section 31 Order complained of and a brief note relating to each is set out hereunder.

Republican Sinn Fein

- 4.18 (a) This organisation was formed on 2 November 1986 when, in a well-publicised manoeuvre, thirty delegates attending the Sinn Fein Ard Fheis (Annual Conference) walked out and held their own meeting. This group issued a statement



