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Phone Call with Ms. Rita O'Hare

1. I pointed out to Ms. O'Hare that the Adare murder and Manchester bombing made contact extremely difficult.
2. She said that G. Adams' article in the Irish Times was intended from their side to be helpful by way of a response to the questions put by the Government and the Taoiseach. Sinn Fein were disappointed at the Taoiseach's response as reported on radio and T.V. They were restressing that the intent was to be helpful and had attempted to contact me to establish if I had any suggestions on the nature of helpful responses.
3. Ms. O'Hare asked if we had now effectively broken off contact with Sinn Fein. I said that the current telephone call showed this was not the case. As we saw it we had responded fully to the Sinn Fein requests on the Government position in terms of what we had said at the meetings and the commencement of the negotiations and these being chaired by Senator Mitchell and his colleagues. I had made clear previously and would now reiterate that if Sinn Fein wished to bring forward additional or new information which they could satisfy us was material to the direct and early restoration of the IRA ceasefire then I on my side would request consideration of this information with a view to the possible authorisation of a meeting with Sinn Fein.