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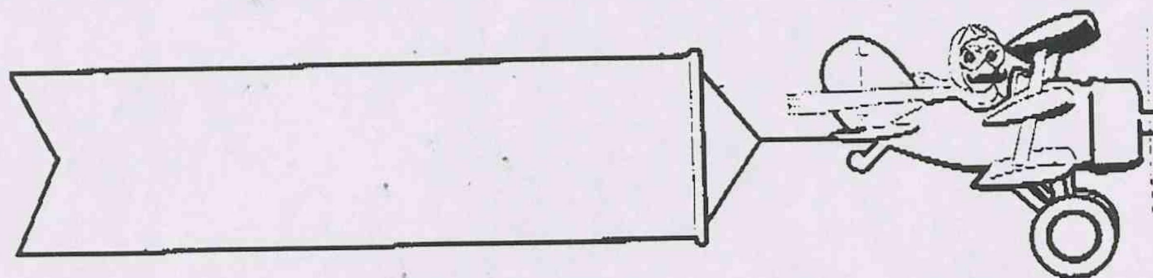
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Statement from the leadership of the  
Irish Republican Army:

On August 31, 1994, the leadership of  
Oglaigh na hEireann announced a  
complete cessation of military  
operations as our contribution to the  
search for a lasting peace.

After 17 months of cessation, in which  
the British Government and the  
Unionists blocked any possibility of  
real or inclusive negotiations, we  
reluctantly abandoned the cessation.

The Irish Republican Army is committed  
to ending British rule in Ireland. It  
is the root cause of division and  
conflict in our country. We want a  
permanent peace and therefore we are  
prepared to enhance the search for a  
democratic peace settlement through  
real and inclusive negotiations.



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political situation, the leadership of

Dáil na hEireann are announcing a

complete cessation of military

operations from 12 o'clock midday on

Sunday the 20th July 1997.

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e/have ordered the unequivocal

restoration of the ceasefire of August

1994. All IRA units have been

instructed accordingly.

(signed) P. O'Neill

sued in Dublin to RTE.

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