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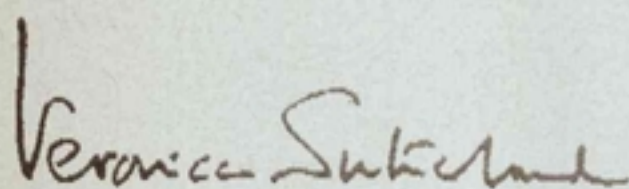
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BLOODY SUNDAY

1. I have just seen your letter of 16 December (I have been out of Dublin for the last day or two).
2. I see that inadvertently you were not included on the copy addressees of my minute of 12 December to Tony Beeton. I now attach it.
3. I will give you a ring later in the day to discuss the main point I make, namely that there is an internal contradiction in the statement, as it rules out an enquiry on the grounds of time elapsed, yet acknowledges that the Irish evidence contains serious new allegations requiring thorough investigation.

(SIGNED)



Veronica Sutherland
Ambassador

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