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INFO ROUTINE WASHINGTON, DUBLIN, OTTAWA

SUBJECT: AUSTRALIA: BLOODY SUNDAY TRIBUNAL  
FCO TELNO 52 TO OTTAWA

## Summary

1. Sir Daryl Dawson may be unable to accept the appointment due to existing commitments. Suggest Lord Saville ring him soonest.

## Detail

2. I spoke to Sir Daryl Dawson as instructed in TUR. He is clearly interested in the appointment, and had been approached, but may not be able to accept. He already has a range of commitments over the coming weeks, including some arbitration work and a two-week engagement in Hong Kong starting 24 February. His concern is that these commitments may prevent him from accepting the appointment. He asked for more detail on the timing of the Inquiry and the extent to which his other work could be accommodated. I told him I thought the best way forward would be for Lord Saville to ring him and discuss these issues.

4. We have informed the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the intention to approach Sir Daryl but propose to hold off informing Government Ministers until it is clear Sir Daryl can accept.

## Comment

4. I recommend that Lord Saville contact Sir Daryl as soon as possible to clarify the position. His telephone number is Melbourne (03) 94172818 - fax number (03) 94174499. His address is 63 GIBBS STREET, EAST MELBOURNE 3002, VICTORIA.

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