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Having reviewed the facts carefully with the Chief Constable and security advisers, it is clear that there is evidence of the involvement of members of the IRA in these two murders. This will now have to be considered very carefully with the Irish Government in accordance with the proper procedures. The integrity of the talks process and the commitment to exclusively peaceful means are paramount and all parties must be treated fairly and equally.

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