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Statement by TUV Leader Jim Allister MEP

"Considering Sinn Fein's continuing pursuit of the denial of justice in the Robert McCartney case, the welcome by Gerry Adams for the foolish endorsement by Democratic Presidential candidate Senator Barak Obama of an Independent Inquiry into the murder of Pat Finucane, reeks of base hypocrisy. Given the judicial findings in the McCartney trial, particularly the likely contamination of Crown witnesses by the IRA and the role, according to the evidence of Government Minister, Gerry Kelly, there is a powerful case for a full inquiry into Sinn Fein's perversion of the course of justice. In his judgement Judge Gillen spoke of the witness Gowdy having had "lengthy meetings with the IRA before gaining their "approval" to speak to the police. Having referred to Gowdy meeting the IRA between 4 and 6 times, Gillen J felt compelled to conclude **"there exists the possibility that his evidence, including identification of the people he has named, may have been influenced or indeed even directed by the IRA. At the very least there must be a real possibility that his evidence has been through a sieve orchestrated by this unlawful organisation."** He also expressed concerns about the effect of meetings between the IRA and the witness Devine.

It is clear, therefore, that the IRA's malevolent meddling in this case polluted and perverted justice. In evidence it emerged that one of the Ministers in OFMDFM, Kelly, played a role, at least in securing, these meetings between the unlawful IRA and these Crown witnesses.

So, to then have the Sinn Fein President strut the stage again demanding another inquiry into the Finucane case, while presiding over an organisation steeped in perverting justice, is typical of their duplicity. As ever, IRA/Sinn Fein want the spotlight shone everywhere but on their own murderous past. As for Obama, he should have had more sense than to pander to the whims of insatiable and blinkered Irish American interest groups, in this case the so called Irish American Unity conference and the Ancient Order of Hibernians. If this is the partisan way he would behave as President, then, if he is elected, we're headed back to the unhelpful meddling of the Clinton era."

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