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Sinn Féin accompany Loughinisland families to Westminster

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Sinn Féin Assembly member for South down Caitriona Ruane today accompanied the families of the six men killed by the UVF in Loughinisland 12 years ago to brief MPs in Westminster on recent revelation exposing the involvement of British Agents in the attack and a subsequent cover-up by the RUC.

Speaking from Westminster Ms Ruane said:

"For 12 years the families of the six men killed by the UVF at Loughinisland have patiently waited for justice. As the years have gone on the families have begun to raise serious questions about the murders and specifically the subsequent investigation into it.

"It has now emerged that:

A British Agent has admitted supplying the car used in murders

The car used by the murderers to get away has subsequently been destroyed by the investigating team

A hair follicle was found on one of the balaclavas - yet nobody has been charged

At least one of the weapons used was imported from South Africa by British Agent Brian Nelson

The PSNI have consistently refused to answer questions from the families preferring to hide behind the Official Secrets Act

"Given the impact which the murders at Loughinisland had across Ireland and the determination of the families to see justice and truth delivered this is an issue which simply will not disappear for the British government.

"Sinn Féin will continue to offer our full support to the families in their campaign and today's meetings in London were another stage on the road to exposing British State

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