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Synopsis of IRA Statement

The IRA leadership is not satisfied with the response of the British Government to the cease-fire. The moves which were made are not sufficient to warrant a permanent cease-fire.

It is illusory and deceptive for the British Government not to tackle the root-causes of the problem. A permanent peace can be established only when the causes of the situation are courageously examined by the British Government. Nevertheless to permit the Government to make progress towards a lasting solution the Army Council has ordered an extension of the cease-fire for another 14 days. If substantial progress is not made before January 16 the situation will again be examined with a view to the resumption of offensive action. The present peace can be enjoyed on a permanent basis if Britain pursues a reasonable and responsible policy.

The attitude of the Dublin Government has been most disquieting. It appears that there was no desire in Dublin for the truce. Action in relation to the political prisoners in Portlaoise was deliberately provocative. We call on the public at large to call for an end to the dangerous policies of the Dublin Government.

Note: This is a rough precis of the statement as received over the phone.