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- A. Yes, I am quite concerned about it because I have put a lot of personal effort in the past few years into getting American investment and therefore jobs into Northern Ireland to tackle the unemployment problem and its starting to pay off because the jobs are starting to come in substantial numbers and this is clearly an effort to sabotage the attempt to resolve our unemployment problem here and its an effort that we are being hindered and rejected by all sections of the community here and when you talk of substantiating it I have here in front of me a letter on the notepaper of the National Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians emanating from the Freedom for All-Ireland Committee and its a letter purporting to defend the human rights of the minority in Northern Ireland and suggesting that because of that that there should be no American investment here and that investment would perpetuate the grim on Belfast unemployment picture. I think that these, the ordinary members, I want the ordinary members of the AOH (the American organisation which by the way is no connection with the Irish counterpart with the same name) I want their ordinary members to realise what is being done in their name and to understand that their activities are totally rejected by all sections of the people here in the North.
2. Q. You seem to take the whole question very very seriously. Is the AOH such a powerful body in America?
- A. Well, of course, its one of the largest and most respected Irish-American organisations in America and has in the past done some very positive things for Ireland, things which we have welcomed, and thats why I think that the grass-roots membership when the facts are brought to their attention might change things and its also part of a campaign that is going on in the United States at the moment against industry coming here because they're not the only organisation, for example, I have here in my hand a letter written by another organisation called the National Council of Irish-Americans and its a direct letter written to the President of a company which has just announced that its setting up a factory here to give 800 jobs

and its a rather sinister letter because I'll quote from it: it suggests that the company ought to be concerned about the possible safety of its plant and its executive personnel in Northern Ireland. It wonders why it is not concerned about the distinct possibility of being singled out by paramilitary groups in Ulster, thats another organisation, and that is 800 jobs which have already been announced, I think that fairly sinister activity and I think we should expose it.

3. Q. In fact its a direct threat?

A. Well, it would appear to be that the words being used there are quite sinister and are designed to alarm at least anyone coming here and its a campaign which again its talking about that letter for example talks about the human rights of Irish Catholics in Northern Ireland and this is what the letter purports to defend while at the same time trying to prevent the provision of jobs which will tackle our unemployment problem.

4. Q. You yourself as you have said and indeed the Dublin Government have spent quite a long time trying to fight against, as it were, the Provisional propaganda in America. Now it hasn't succeeded obviously?

A. Ah now well, I wouldn't say that exactly I am not talking to-day about Provisional propaganda. I am talking about a campaign by the AOH to prevent industry coming to Northern Ireland. In relation to the question of support for violence in the United States I think there is absolutely no doubt whatsoever that that has been very seriously eroded and I think thats very clear. I think also that the evidence of that is that many of the groups in the past were clearly assisting provisional orientated organisations keep stressing to-day that they are non-violent because the pressure against violence is so strong now in the United States.