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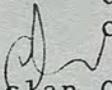
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Security Cooperation

1. Since the ratification of the Agreement, the Garda Commissioner and the RUC Chief Constable have met in Dublin on 2 December. A Garda delegation consisting of both Deputy Commissioners and Assistant Commissioner Fanning (Special Branch) have been received in Belfast on 19 December by the Chief Constable and his senior officers (they had an intensive discussion on intelligence, operational and other matters) and, in connection with a specific mortar incident at Lifford on 22 December, the Superintendent at Lifford attended a meeting with the RUC at Strabane on 23 December.
2. The main point of interest since the Agreement has been a series of IRA attacks on RUC officers and outlying RUC stations and military checkpoints. There have been reports of up to 7 mortar attacks. It has been alleged (by Harold Mc Cusker) that the mortars were made in the South. Garda investigation has revealed no evidence of this, but has not ruled it out. (They could have been made on either side). A Garda report on the three most recent mortar attacks, which occurred just before Christmas, is attached.
3. We are aware that in at least two cases the vehicles used in the mortar attacks were stolen on our side of the border (the attack on Castlederg RUC station on 19 December and the attack on 22 December on the British Army checkpoint on the Strabane side of the Lifford/Strabane Bridge). In at least one case (the attack on Carrickmore RUC station on 21 December) the vehicle was stolen in Northern Ireland. Two known IRA men were picked up by the Gardai on the evening of the Strabane attack of 22 December. They were released after questioning and forensic testing. Close Garda-RUC cooperation is proceeding on these cases.


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