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Mrs. Kennedy

I was very sorry to hear of the murder early this morning of Mr John Hagan at the European Components factory in Dundonald.

Your letter of 2 November reported the concerns of Mr Carruthers, the general manager, about threats to the workforces at both the Dundonald and Kennedy Way (European Systems) plants. Security Policy and Operations division here wrote to the RUC on 8 November, passing on these concerns and asking for an update on the assessed threat against the two companies. I had intended delaying my reply to you until we had received the RUC's response, which we have yet to do.

In view of this morning's tragic events, we have asked the police urgently for a report. I will write to you again when this has been received: I am well aware of the anxiety that must now exist in the companies' workforce, and of the possible wider implications.

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Mr Legge (with copy IDB letter)
Mr Maxwell
Mr Leach
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FROM: R P LEMON
Security Policy and Operations Division 1
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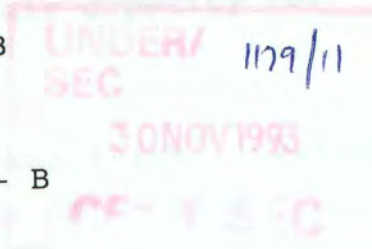
SHOOTING OF JOHN BRENDAN HAGAN

I attach a background note and line to take on the shooting of Mr Hagan, as requested.

(Signed)

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Line to take

- The murder of Mr Hagan is another brutal and callous terrorist act which I utterly condemn.
- At a time when peace is on the minds of all right thinking people terrorists cynically remind us of their capacity for evil.
- My undertaking in the House yesterday is given further resolve
 - we shall not cease our efforts to bring violence to a permanent end.

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Background

Mr Hagan (RC, 47 years) of West Belfast is the 76th person to die as a result of terrorist violence in Northern Ireland this year.

At approximately 0035 hours today, Mr Hagan was leaving his place of work, European Components Factory at Dundonald Industrial Estate on the outskirts of East Belfast, where he worked as a storeman, when he was shot several times by one or more gunmen. He died almost immediately.

Mr Hagan had no connection with security forces and was not known to the police. He was a married man with a family and had worked at the European Components Factory since 1985. No organisation has claimed responsibility for the murder but loyalist paramilitaries are believed to have been responsible.

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