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I write to thank you most sincerely for the expression of sympathy which you personally conveyed to this Headquarters on the night of the Newry tragedy and for your thoughtfulness in being represented at Senior level at the funerals of Chief Inspector Donaldson and Sergeant McCormac. I was in America at that time but on my hurried return your message was immediately brought to my attention.

The terrible events of these past two weeks underline more than ever the terrorists' preparedness to take life and to fuel community bitterness. The threat to our structures and stability, in both parts of Ireland, is a continuing one and I am convinced that the sentiments and suggestions which I put forward in my letter to you on 21 December last have assumed greater relevance and urgency. I will be grateful therefore for your considered reaction to my letter and I reaffirm my willingness to meet at this Headquarters or in Dublin at the soonest mutually convenient date.

Once again I express thanks for the sympathy which I know was felt throughout the Garda Siochana and ask that you convey my personal appreciation and that of the RUC, to the Garda.

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