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NOTE OF A DELEGATION MEETING HELD AT THE ANGLO-IRISH SECRETARIAT:
4 AUGUST 1994

A delegation meeting took place on 4 August 1994 at Maryfield between the British and Irish sides of the Anglo-Irish Secretariat. The British side was represented by Mr Williams and Mr Kyle. Mr Farrell, Mr Mellett and Mr Bassett represented the Irish side.

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DATE OF NEXT IGC

2. Mr Williams confirmed that 7 September was not suitable to the British side and he indicated that a possible alternative might be Wednesday 14th, subject to confirmation. Mr Farrell said he would mention the date of 14 September to Dublin as a possibility.

SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT FOUND NEAR THE HOME OF MRS ROSEANNE MALLON

3. Mr Mellett mentioned that the Irish side had raised a log case on this issue and he enquired if the response, given by way of the RUC press release, was the British side's final comment. Mr Williams pointed out that the RUC statement was fairly full in its comments and, that whilst there was nothing else to add at the moment, if anything further became known the Irish side would be advised. In response to a point from the Irish side Mr Williams emphasised that the Army acted in support of the RUC; the RUC were clearly in the lead. He went on to add that the operational details were not matters for the NIO or the Secretary of State, and that the arrests which had taken place after the murder of Mrs Mallon were matters for the RUC to pursue. Mr Mellett enquired as to whether the authorisation for the surveillance work had been given at central or local level. Mr Williams repeated again that these were operational details, and reiterated the principle that the Army acted in support of the RUC.

4. Mr Farrell enquired about reports that a senior RUC officer had been appointed to investigate the matter. The Irish side found this rather peculiar and wondered what the significance was. Mr Williams said that he had heard such media reports but there was no mention of this approach in the RUC statement. Mr Farrell confirmed that the Irish side would be handing over a further note seeking clarification on points related to the surveillance equipment found near the home of Mrs Mallon.

CRIMINAL CHARGES PROFERRED AGAINST A MEMBER OF THE ROYAL IRISH
REGIMENT

5. Mr Farrell referred to media reports that a member of the Royal Irish Regiment (based at Palace Barracks) had been charged with offences, including the gathering of information which could be of use to a terrorist organisation. He asked if the British side could make any comment on this latest allegation of collusion.

Mr Williams pointed out that the matter was now sub-judice and, that apart from enquiring and confirming the nature of the charges, there was nothing else the British side could add. He added that it was important to bear in mind that the bringing of these charges was a clear indication that both the police and army acted firmly to deal with any such activities.

CLONALTY BRIDGE

6. The Irish side asked if there was anything further to add on the issue of Clonalty Bridge. Mr Williams confirmed that he had nothing further to say at this point.

ROI/BEEF TRIBUNAL

7. In response to an enquiry from Mr Williams, Mr Farrell confirmed that following the publication of the Beef Tribunal Report the Dail had been recalled for two days starting on 31 August.

SECRETARIAT FINANCES

8. There was a brief discussion on the future of the driving facilities at Maryfield and the implementation date for the new financial arrangements. Mr Williams advised that the implementation date of 1 September had been the date suggested by Mr O'Donovan with regard to the needs of the Irish financial system. He commented that if there were good reasons for suggesting a start date of 1 October he would be prepared to consider these, but he would

with the Irish to bear in mind that there was an outstanding issue to be finalised on the question of charges for telephones.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION ON TERRORIST CHARGE IN THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

9. Mr Williams reminded the Irish side that there was an outstanding log case from the British side seeking information which the Secretary of State would use to reply to Ken Maginness about numbers of terrorists charged in the Republic of Ireland. He emphasised that the enquiry had been outstanding for some time; there was a concern that Ministers and officials would be embarrassed by the delay in replying to the MP. Mr Mellett confirmed that the Department of Justice were currently working on the matter. He was pressing them for early advice and although most of the information was available it was a matter of putting it together. Mr Williams noted this response and added that it would be helpful to be able to demonstrate to officials, and the Secretary of State, that the Secretariat was an effective channel of co-operation in exchanging this sort of information; he hoped this would not be a 'lost opportunity' to highlight the value of using the Secretariat for these matters.

REVIEW BY THE PARLIAMENTARY BOUNDARY COMMISSION

10. In response to an enquiry raised earlier by the Irish side Mr Williams confirmed that the hearings had now been completed and the Assistant Commissioners were at the stage of preparing their reports for the Boundary Commissioners. The Boundary Commissioners would then have to decide how to proceed on the revised boundaries; they could agree, modify in a minor way, or revise the recommendations - which might lead to the offer of further public hearings. He confirmed that the timing was not clear and, although it was hoped that much of the work would be completed by the end of the year, it could not be ruled out that it might continue into the early part of 1995.

INTERREG

11. Mr Farrell advised that the Irish side would be handing over a note concerning the EC allocation of money for use in projects across land and maritime frontiers. It appears that the Irish side are unhappy about the split North/South and East/West and they hope that the Department of Finance and Personnel will share the same concerns as the Irish Department of Finance; perhaps the two sides might be able to make a joint approach!

MEETINGS/BRIEFINGS

12. Mr Farrell confirmed that the Irish side were still interested in having an early meeting to discuss Deprivation Indices. He also indicated that they would wish to have an up-date on the issue of Targetting Social Need; Mr Kyle asked for a note which might act as the basis to provide such a briefing.

[Signed]

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