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#### RIOT AND ARSON DAMAGE: NIGHTS 11/12, 12/13 AND 13/14 JULY 1996

The Agency has been notified of the following potential claims arising out of the riot and arson damage across the Province on the nights of 11/12, 12/13 and 13/14 July. These claims are in addition to those in my minute of 11 July.

i. Belfast Area Est	of Damage
CWS Shop, York Gate	£315,000
Private house, Dunmurry	£1,500
Denby Building, Antrim Road	£250,000
H & J Martin's office, Ormeau Road	£12,500
R Clark, builders' supplier, Ligoniel Road	£400,000
John Robertson, shop, Glenmachan Street	£5,000
F M Windows, showroom, Glenmachan Street	£5,000

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R C Church, Deanley Gardens	£15,000
Private house, Deerpark Road	£15,000
Grove Service Station, Shore Road	£10,000
Silotank, factory, Northumberland Street	£75,000
Stewarts Sport Shop, Castlereagh Road	£25,000
King Richard Tavern, Castlereagh Road	£10,000
Whiteabbey Congregational Church	£30,000

# ii. Armagh Area

Fane Valley, creamery, Armagh	£20,000
John Best, estate agency, Armagh	£60,000
St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh	£3,000
First Trust Bank, Armagh	£3,000
Philip White Tyres, Armagh	£50,000
Autobann Car Sales, Garvaghy Road, Portadown (building only at this stage)	£150,000
Navan Quarries (building only at this stage)	£20,000

## iii. Derry Area

Post Office, Great James Street	£415,000
Mullin's Public House, Great James Street	£372,000
Quigg's Florist Shop, Great James Street	£20,000
McLaughlin's men's wear shop, Great James Street	£33,000
Dogasci, burgerbar, Sackville Street	£3,500
Go Saan Sung, chinese restaurant, Little James Stree	et £7,750
McCaul's shop, Little James Street	£70,000
O'Reilly & Faulkner building, Great James Street	£355,000
H Allen, bakery, Great James Street	£23,000
C M Enterprise building, Great James Street	£325,000
Wellworths, Waterloo Place	£110,000



Littlewoods, Waterloo Place,	£650,000
First Trust Bank, Waterloo Place	£90,000
Kentucky Fried Chicken, Strand Road	£10,000
Foster's shop, Strand Road	£60,000
Foster's shop, Waterloo Place	£50,000
Acme Clothing, Castle Street	£25,000
Best Sellers, shop, Strand Road	£5,000
Connor's Chemist, Strand Road	£1,000
Gallagher Travel Agent, Strand Road	£1,000
Keel Enterprise, office, Strand Road	£1,000
Keelar's, office, Sackville Court	£1,000
Key-side, cinema complex, Strand Road	£2,500
Fleming's shop, Strabane	£9,500
Ballycoleman factory, Strabane	£7,500
Nealis' premises, Strabane	£10,000
Wellworth's, Strabane	£2,500
Shiel's Furniture Shop, Strabane	£200,000
Dungiven Parish Hall	£80,000

## iv. Newry Area

John Smith, shop, Newry	£206,500
Private house, Newry	£20,000

### v. Enniskillen Area

Killyhelvin Hotel, Enniskillen	£2,000,000
8 private houses adjacent to the Killyhelvin Hotel	£15,000
Tracey Brothers, building works, Enniskillen	£100,000
County Cars, Enniskillen (building only at this stage)	£70,000
Rutherford Service Station, Enniskillen	£50,000



#### vi. County Tyrone Area

James Brown, shop, Dungannon	£65,000
James Shield's, shop, Dungannon	£45,000
Irwin's bakery, Coalisland	£30,000
Scott Masonic Lodge building, Coalisland	£10,000
Foster's Memorial Hall, Coalisland	£15,000
Murphy's supermarket, Coalisland	£45,000
Stevenson's building, Coalisland	£25,000
Lisbeg Orange Hall, Ballygawley	£5,000
Ballygawley Parish Church Hall	£5,000
Laurel Merchant's building	£200,000
Private house, Sixmilecross	£135,000
Private house, Donaghmore	£15,000
Greencastle Quarry	£35,000
Patterson's Drapery shop, Moy	£15,000
Omagh Methodist Church	£15,000

Total to date

£7,536,750

2. There is in addition a large number of potential claims for vehicles but it has not been possible to assess the quantity or the value as most were removed very promptly from the scenes of damage. The Agency will, nevertheless, ensure that all vehicle claims are handled expeditiously and that motor engineers visit the scenes or inspect the damaged vehicles as quickly as possible. The Agency will provide a report on damage to vehicles when the full figures are available in a few days.

3. I am pleased to be able to report that the Agency's out-of-hours arrangements operated satisfactorily throughout the holiday weekend. Loss adjusters were appointed to visit every site of property damage reported by

the RUC, the media or by members of the public. Initial visits all took place within the stipulated 24 hours with most taking place within 12 hours. The Agency's experience is that prompt attention of this kind is vital in reassuring traumatised victims and helping them start the rebuilding process as quickly as possible.

### **Estimated Final Cost**

4. It would be the Agency's estimate that the final cost of compensation for the nights of 11/12, 12/13 and 13/14 July will be at least £10 million. This is in addition to the £6 million estimated for the nights of 9/10 and 10/11 July put forward in my earlier submission. When final estimates are at hand the Agency will draw up figures showing the anticipated compensation expenditure profile.

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