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The following statement has been issued on behalf of the
Government:-

At about 8.15a.m. today (Friday) the motor car of Mr. Tiede Herrema, Managing Director of Ferenka Ltd, was discovered by the roadside some hundreds of yards from his home at Newcastle, Monaleen, Limerick. The driver's door was open, the keys were in the ignition and his briefcase was in the car.

At about 11.30a.m. a woman telephoned The Netherlands Embassy in Dublin to state that the Managing Director of Ferenka had been kidnapped and would be "executed" within 48 hours unless the following demands were met:- that J. Hyland, K. Mallon and Rose Dugdale be immediately released from prison; that the factory of Ferenka Ltd. be closed for 24 hours as an act of faith; and that there should be no road blocks or searches by the Gardai.

At about 11.45a.m. a woman with a Northern accent phoned a Dublin evening newspaper with the same message.

The Government at their meeting this morning were informed of the developments and of the demands and threat made. The Government decided that, irrespective of these, Garda enquiries shall proceed and that there can be no question of conceding the demands made, since to do so would be an abdication of governmental responsibility, would undermine the security of the State and would lead to the placing of additional lives in danger.

The Government appeal to all persons who may have any knowledge which could lead to the rescue of Mr. Herrema and the apprehension of his kidnapers to assist the Gardai.

3 October, 1975.