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Memorandum

Mr. Jim Curran, Chairman of the Irish Civil Rights Association (Britain), called to the Department today to see the Minister or his Private Secretary. I spoke to Mr. Curran who asked me to note two requests which he wished to have presented to the Minister - (1) to request Minister to read the book "Reluctant Justice, the life and death of the Special Branch informer, Kenneth Lennon" published on 28th January 1976 by Temple Smith; (2) to ask the Minister to make a public demand to the British Government asking to have a special enquiry into the matters dealt with in the book.

Mr. Curran referred to a number of matters dealt with in the book including the alleged manipulations of Kenneth Lennon by the British authorities in relation to the "Luton three." He said that an enquiry had been carried out by a Commissioner Starrit who, he said, was ~~the~~ son of an RUC man and had two brothers serving in the RUC. He also referred to alleged contradictions in evidence given by police representatives on different occasions in relation to Kenneth Lennon's activities.

Mr. Curran said that he had already written to the British Prime Minister asking for an enquiry and had also lobbied a considerable number of MP's at Westminster. He also told me that he intended lobbying TD's and Senators here. He said that in the absence of official public statements about our actions on behalf of Irish people in Britain, they felt that they were not properly protected. He fully agreed that all representations received in such matters were pursued in the appropriate way but maintained that public statements would be extremely helpful. I told him that contacts between Governments in such matters are of a confidential nature and that public statements would not, therefore, be appropriate.

Mr. Curran's attitude was reasonable throughout the meeting. I said that I had taken careful note of his requests and he thanked me for meeting him.

12 February 1976

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I agree re  
1. Mr. Swift purchasing the book  
2. Mr. Dillon  
To see, please  
Request authority to purchase two copies of the book.  
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