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The following statement is issued on behalf of the Taoiseach, Mr. Jack Lynch, T.D.

I have heard that responsibility for the murder of the Hon. Airey Neave, M. P. has now been admitted by the Provisional I. R. A. The murder of a man elected by the people to represent their views is a particularly heinous crime for which no condemnation can be too strong. The I. R. A. has again demonstrated its contempt for human life and values and for the reputation of the Irish people.

On behalf of the Government and people of Ireland, I want to make it clear that if the Government can help, they will, in pursuance of the well established policy of joint action against what must be regarded as the common enemy, give full co-operation in bringing those responsible to justice.

30th March, 1979.

X. This was on the basis of two phone messages, with a cable word, to the Irish Press and Irish Times respectively, as well as on the basis of information coming in on 30th March from British Press agencies. The IRA subsequently denied responsibility & the Irish National Liberation Army claimed it. 2/4