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I received Mr. Seán Mac Bride S.C. at the Department today.
He gave me an *advance copy of the Amnesty International
statement on allegations of ill-treatment of persons in
custody in Northern Ireland.   This statement will be
published tomorrow.

Amnesty International are in the process of creating an
International Committee to investigate the matter further.
The members will be:

Dr. Hermann van Guns, who works for WHO, is Dutch and is
a medical doctor;

Mr. Thomas Hammerberg - Chairman of the Swedish section of
Amnesty and a journalist; and
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Professor Upsal, Dean of the Law Faculty of University.

The first two are available; it is not yet certain that
Professor Upsal will be available but if he is not he will
be replaced probably by another Norwegian.

The Joint Secretaries will be Mr. Kevin T. White, a legal
accountant, who belongs to the Irish section of Amnesty
and Sir Michael Williams who belongs to the British section
of Amnesty.

The investigations by the Committee will be made from 27th
November to 3rd December.

Mr. Mac Bride suggested that Mr. White and the Department could
cooperate confidentially in exchanging statements of torture,
brutality etc.   I agreed to this and will ask Mr. Donlon to
liaise with Mr. White as Mr. Donlon is presently engaged in
studying this matter in detail in association with the Attorney
General's Office.

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