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PS/Secretary of State (B&L)

**SITUATION REPORT: SATURDAY 11 JULY 0630 - 1830 HRS**

**Summary**

Update on Mr Perry's report of 0630 hrs. Drumcree is quiet at present. Any protests throughout the Province have so far been quiet and orderly, mainly taking the form of women and children periodically blocking roads. There have been some hoax bomb calls to businesses mainly in Belfast.

**Detail**

2. It was confirmed at 1145 am that indirect contact talks would take place at Armagh District Council offices. The talks would be handled by Jonathan Powell and facilitated by Rev Roy Magee and Peter Quinn. The talks commenced at around 1440 hours with the Facilitators talking to both sides. The press had already started to gather outside the location. At 1640 hrs it was reported that the talks were proceeding slowly but that one side wanted to wrap up about 7 pm to get back to their area. Reports that Robert Salters was on his way subsequently turned out not to be correct.

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3. The security forces were still attending at the suspect device on the Loughgall to Armagh road.

4. The Minister of State and John Steele met representatives of the LOCC in the early afternoon to listen to their concerns about the march by the Ballynafeigh Lodge on 13 July. The meeting lasted for only 30 minutes and was quite acrimonious.

5. Dr Paisley, Ian Paisley Jnr, Roy Beggs and Councillor McKee met the Minister of State in Hillsborough Castle and handed over a video showing police brutality. The Minister advised that he would watch the video and pass it to the RUC. (The video shows the police inspecting a bonfire in Larne and then apparently setting it alight. A fire engine then arrived to deal with a fire at a bus shelter, which had subsequently caught fire.)

**Update on civilian injuries from Royal Victoria Hospital**

6. Four people had been admitted on transfer from Craigavon Hospital. At 1730 their condition was described as -

1 26 year old male - described as critical.

1 22 year old female - just out of theatre - described as stable.

2 men - described as satisfactory.

A man admitted following the shooting in Ligoniel was described as comfortable.

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RUC Statistics (Not for public release and subject to amendment)

From 0600 4 July to 0600 11 July 1998

Attacks on security forces (including 19 shooting incidents and 42 bombing incidents)	569
Arrests for Public Order Offences (eg Riot/Disorder)	217
Petrol bombing incidents	567
Petrol bombs recovered	1,958
Hijacking	170
Criminal damage to homes	112
Criminal damage to other buildings	144
Criminal damage to vehicles	395
RUC officers injured	64
PBRs fired	721

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