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MORROW WELCOMES REVIEW OF OMAGH INTELLIGENCE

DUP Peer Lord Morrow of Clogher Valley has welcomed the commitment from the Prime Minister that the Rt. Hon. Sir Peter Gibson, the Intelligence Services Commissioner, will review the intercepted intelligence material relating to the Omagh bomb. Lord Morrow has also said he intends to raise the matter in the House of Lords. Speaking following reports about intelligence being withheld from the investigation, Lord Morrow said,

"I fully support the call from the Omagh victims' families to have these and any other pertinent information handed over to the investigation team forthwith. Indeed, I am prepared to lay my concerns about this matter before the House of Lords.

Whilst I will never forget who the real perpetrators were, I am deeply concerned by reports of intelligence being withheld from not only this investigation but other investigations throughout the history of the Troubles.

The moral duty of the Government is to ensure that every crime is fully investigated. The Omagh bombing was the single worst atrocity and loss of life throughout a protracted campaign of Republican terrorism, and the perpetrators are walking amongst us. All steps should be taken to assist this investigation.

The BBC programme has opened an additional vast chasm of unanswered questions. For too long the attending Police Officers bore the brunt of criticism, but it would

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appear intelligence was not passed to them. While some have been very swift to blame the RUC, it would seem through no fault of the RUC, that the police have been hampered from properly investigating the crime.

No stone should be left unturned in the quest for justice for the families and friends of victims caught up in the bloodbath which was in Omagh that day. How anyone could watch the pitiful images played worldwide and not feel torn inside is beyond comprehension.

If there is intelligence in existence, those who sought to withhold it must be made accountable. The families and Northern Ireland have suffered enough. While I accept that the truth will out in time. It is too late for the families left mourning a loved one.

We must know who was judge, jury and executioner of the innocent? Who held back information which could have averted this horrific crime? Similarly who, by their silence is blocking justice?

It is my intention to have these serious questions raised in the House of Lords as soon as possible."

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