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MEETING OF THE CABINET

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER

WEDNESDAY, 13th AUGUST, 1969 - 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

MINISTERS PRESENT:

1. Taoiseach	Mr. Lynch,
2. Tánaiste and Minister for Health	Mr. Childers,
3. Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries	Mr. Blaney,
4. Minister for Local Government and Minister for Social Welfare	Mr. Boland,
5. Minister for Finance	Mr. Haughey,
6. Minister for Transport and Power	Mr. Lenihan,
7. Minister for Labour	Mr. Brennan,
8. Minister for Industry and Commerce and Minister for the Gaeltacht	Mr. Colley,
9. Minister for Defence	Mr. Gibbons,
10. Minister for Posts and Telegraphs	Mr. Lalor.

MINISTERS ABSENT:

Minister for Justice	Mr. Moran,
Minister for External Affairs	Dr. Hillery,
Minister for Lands	Mr. Flanagan,
Minister for Education	Mr. Faulkner,

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Attorney General	Mr. Condon, S.C.,
Secretary to the Government	Dr. Nolan.

S.9361 M 1. SITUATION IN SIX COUNTIES.

Following consideration of the present grave situation in the Six Counties, it was agreed that the Taoiseach should make a statement on the matter on lines indicated at the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

Sean O'Leary
 29/8/69

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14th Aug., 1969

MEETING OF THE CABINET

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER

THURSDAY, 14th AUGUST, 1969 - 11 a.m. to 1.15 p.m.

MINISTERS PRESENT:

1. Taoiseach	Mr. Lynch,
2. Tánaiste and Minister for Health	Mr. Childers,
3. Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries	Mr. Blaney,
4. Minister for Local Government and Minister for Social Welfare	Mr. Boland,
5. Minister for Justice	Mr. Moran,
6. Minister for External Affairs	Dr. Hillery,
7. Minister for Finance	Mr. Haughey,
8. Minister for Transport and Power	Mr. Lenihan,
9. Minister for Labour	Mr. Brennan,
10. Minister for Industry and Commerce and Minister for the Gaeltacht	Mr. Colley,
11. Minister for Lands	Mr. Flanagan,
12. Minister for Education	Mr. Faulkner,
13. Minister for Defence	Mr. Gibbons,
14. Minister for Posts and Telegraphs	Mr. Lalor.

MINISTERS ABSENT:

None.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Secretary to the Taoiseach	Mr. O'Malley,
Attorney General	Mr. Condon, S.C.,
Secretary to the Government	Dr. Nolan.

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SITUATION IN SIX COUNTIES.

Following further consideration of the present grave situation in the Six Counties, it was decided

- (a) that the Minister for External Affairs should seek an immediate meeting with the British Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs or the Secretary of State for the Home Department,

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- (b) that the Minister for External Affairs should instruct the Ambassadors in countries other than Great Britain to inform fully the Governments to which they are accredited of the present grave situation in the Six Counties and to seek their support for the Government's proposals to deal with the situation,
- (c) that, should the need arise, the Minister for External Affairs should arrange for a similar approach to the non-British member-States of the Security Council of the United Nations in cases in which Ireland has no diplomatic representatives,
- (d) that the Minister for Defence should arrange for the provision of such troops as the Chief of Staff considers necessary for the protection of the field hospitals which are being established in the Border areas,
- (e) that the Minister for Justice should expand the intelligence service maintained by the Garda Síochána in the Six Counties and
- (f) that a Committee comprising the Secretaries of the Departments of Justice, External Affairs, Defence and Local Government should be set up to keep the situation under continuous review and to advise the Taoiseach on the matter.

The meeting adjourned at 1.15 p.m.

Sean O'Loughlin
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MEETING OF THE CABINET

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER

FRIDAY, 15th AUGUST, 1969 - 11.30 a.m. to 1.40 p.m.

MINISTERS PRESENT:

1. Taoiseach	Mr. Lynch,
2. Tánaiste and Minister for Health	Mr. Childers,
3. Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries	Mr. Blaney,
4. Minister for Local Government and Minister for Social Welfare	Mr. Boland,
5. Minister for Justice	Mr. Moran,
6. Minister for Finance	Mr. Haughey,
7. Minister for Transport and Power	Mr. Lenihan,
8. Minister for Labour	Mr. Brennan,
9. Minister for Industry and Commerce and Minister for the Gaeltacht	Mr. Colley,
10. Minister for Lands	Mr. Flanagan,
11. Minister for Education	Mr. Faulkner,
12. Minister for Defence	Mr. Gibbons,
13. Minister for Posts and Telegraphs	Mr. Lalor.

MINISTERS ABSENT:

Minister for External Affairs	Dr. Hillery.
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ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Secretary to the Taoiseach	Mr. O'Malley,
Attorney General	Mr. Condon, S.C.,
Secretary to the Government	Dr. Nolan.

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Following further consideration of the present grave situation in the Six Counties, it was decided that the Minister for External Affairs should inform the British Government that, in anticipation of their agreement to the proposal regarding a United-Nations' Peace-

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keeping Force in the Six Counties or, failing that, to an alternative proposal which the Minister is putting to them regarding the provision of a joint Irish-British military Peace-keeping Force in the Six Counties, the Government have authorized the mobilization of the First-Line Reserve of the Defence Forces, so as to ensure that they will be in readiness at the earliest practicable date.

The meeting adjourned at 1.40 p.m.

Seán Ó Leunsaigh
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MEETING OF THE CABINET

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER

SATURDAY, 16th AUGUST, 1969 - 11 a.m. to 1.5 p.m.

MINISTERS PRESENT:

1. Taoiseach	Mr. Lynch,
2. Tánaiste and Minister for Health	Mr. Childers,
3. Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries	Mr. Blaney,
4. Minister for Justice	Mr. Moran,
5. Minister for External Affairs	Dr. Hillery,
6. Minister for Finance	Mr. Haughey,
7. Minister for Transport and Power	Mr. Lenihan,
8. Minister for Labour	Mr. Brennan,
9. Minister for Industry and Commerce and Minister for the Gaeltacht	Mr. Colley,
10. Minister for Lands	Mr. Flanagan,
11. Minister for Education	Mr. Faulkner,
12. Minister for Defence	Mr. Gibbons,
13. Minister for Posts and Telegraphs	Mr. Lalor.

MINISTERS ABSENT:

Minister for Local Government and Minister for Social Welfare	Mr. Boland.
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ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Secretary to the Taoiseach Attorney General	Mr. O'Malley, Mr. Condon, S.C.,
Secretary to the Government	Dr. Nolan.

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Following consideration of a report by the Minister for External Affairs on his discussion in London on the 15th August, 1969, with Lord Chalfont, British Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, regarding the present grave situation in the Six Counties, it was decided

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- (a) that the Minister for External Affairs should proceed immediately to New York, with a view to arranging
- (i) to have the question of an United-Nations' Peace-keeping Force in the Six Counties raised with the Security Council of the United Nations at the earliest possible date and
 - (ii) to have an item entitled
"The situation in the North of Ireland"
included in the Agenda of the next Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations,
- (b) that the Taoiseach should attend the Session of the General Assembly at which the item may come up for discussion,
- (c) that a sum of money - the amount and the channel of disbursement of which would be determined by the Minister for Finance - should be made available from the Exchequer to provide aid for the victims of the current unrest in the Six Counties and
- (d) that machinery should be established with the object of maintaining permanent liaison with opinion in the Six Counties.

The meeting adjourned at 1.5 p.m.

Seán Ó Leunsigh
29/8/69