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"ABBEVILLE",
KINSEALY,
MALAHIDE,
COUNTY DUBLIN.

8th May, 1970.

STATEMENT FROM CHARLES J. HAUGHEY ESQ, T.D.

I regret that on medical advice I cannot make a personal statement in Dail Eireann concerning the termination of my office as a Member of the Government.

Since becoming a Minister, I have endeavoured to the best of my ability to serve my country, Dail Eireann and the Government. I have never at any time acted in breach of the trust reposed in me and I regret that I am now compelled to refer to the circumstances which brought to an end my membership of the Government.

The Taoiseach informed the Dail that he requested my resignation on the grounds that he was convinced that not even the slightest suspicion should attach to any member of the Government. I fully subscribe to that view. So far as I have been able to gather, the Taoiseach received information of a nature which in his opinion cast some suspicion on me. I have not had the opportunity to examine or test such information or the quality of its source or sources. In the meantime, however, I now categorically state that at no time have I taken part in any illegal importation or attempted importation of arms into this country.

At present I do not propose to say anything further except that I have fully accepted the Taoiseach's decision as I believe that the unity of the Fianna Fail party is of greater importance to the welfare of the nation than my political career.