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Government Involvement in the Reinterment of Commdt. Reggie Dunne
and Vol. Joe O'Sullivan

Reginald Dunne and Joe O'Sullivan were executed at Wandsworth Prison in August, 1922, having being found guilty of shooting Field Marshal Sir Henry Wilson in June, 1922.

A number of requests were made to the Government over the years to have the remains of O'Sullivan and Dunne repatriated to Ireland. However, when eventually, the British Government did agree to the repatriation, it was in response to a request by Mr. Pat O'Sullivan, a brother of Vol. O'Sullivan.

The British Government as a matter of courtesy did inform us in advance of the decision to repatriate the remains and cleared with us a statement to be issued by the Home Office.

The Department was not in any way involved in the return of the remains, though we did ask the Customs authorities at Dublin Airport to facilitate customs clearance.

Neither the Government nor the President ^{was} represented in the funeral procession from Dublin Airport to the Pro-Cathedral.

Both ~~Government~~ ^{TAUSEACH} and President were, however, represented at the funeral Mass by their ADC's, and the tricolour on the G.P.O. was flown at half-mast on the morning of the funeral.


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