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the Ulster Vanguard Alliance to selected Irish

journalists and TDs containing warnings of

their intentions to conduct a bombing campaign

in Dublin.

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Selected T.D's Selected Journalists

Dear Sir,

Since we have been unable to penetrate thick skulls, we must now advise you of future plans in simple language.

It seems that the message must be in graffiti six feet tall and in monosyllables before the Irish Times can understand. If they do, they publish the news in their sport's page!

Stupidity is one thing. Paranoia is another.

The Irish Press editorial staff are affected with this condition which is incurable.

Since they are able to justify any outrage by claiming that adequate warning was given, we hope they will clearly understand this communique.

If I.R.A. violence in Northern Ireland persists, we have extensive preparations to carry out a bombing campaign in Dublin.

To prevent civilian casualties we will inform the staff of the Dublin newspapers in good time.

The responsibility will rest with you. There will be a few hoax calls. To ignore any of them will be the height of criminal folly.

Meanwhile, metaphorically speaking, the economic bombing campaign continues. There will not be an English match at Lanesdown in 1973.

If big tough rugby players will not visit your shores you can hardly expect bus loads of old ladies to do so.

Yours sincerely,

Stuart.

PP. M. Toal