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Provisional I.R.A. Activities.

I am directed by the Commissioner to forward the undermentioned items of information which have come to hand from a confidential and usually reliable source:-

1. A consignment of small arms has been received from abroad by the PIRA and stored (location not known). A supply of similar weapons, emanating from Vietnam, is en route to Ireland.
2. Ammunition is in plentiful supply.
3. There is a need for sophisticated weapons and those of heavy calibre. The PIRA has 50,000 US dollars available to fulfill this requirement.
4. It has been arranged that an 'agent' acting on behalf of an arms supplier will arrive in Ireland in the near future, when he will be given every facility by the PIRA, who have organised a tour of inspection for him. After consultation with the 'agent', the PIRA will make a choice of 'support' weapons from those available.
5. The general financial state of the PIRA is considered to be more than adequate at present, especially in view of the low profile which has been maintained since February 10th - the date at which the current ceasefire began. The arms supplier referred to has himself made a donation to funds but has been asked that any further contributions should be made in 'kind'.
6. The PIRA intend to maintain the cease fire for at least four weeks from June 6th.
7. The PIRA was assured of the total withdrawal of all British Armed Forces from Northern Ireland and in return for this assurance undertook to await the result of the Convention which was to have been "favourable to a United Ireland".
8. Notwithstanding this, it is the PIRA's conviction that the Protestants will never agree to a handover and that they will ultimately resort to force and declare UDI.
9. The Provisionals' reaction to this situation will take the form of 'token resistance' giving the appearance of weakness and irresolution, but sufficient to provoke the Protestants to over-reaction. The PIRA then plans to 'stage' Border incidents involving the Irish Army, part of which has been carefully infiltrated by Provisionals to this end.

10. By implication, having once involved the Forces of the Irish Republic, the Provisionals would then turn on the Protestant para-military Forces using their full strength and every weapon available to them, hoping to gain Catholic support throughout Ireland by so doing.
11. A PIRA Council meeting was held in Dublin on June 7 when the Agenda was:-
 - (a) Financial statement.
 - (b) Proposed arrival of agent for tour of inspection.
 - (c) To defer choice of support weapons until arrival of agent at (b).
 - (d) Training programme.
12. Seamus TWOMEY has expressed complete confidence in the strategy as outlined at 9 and 10 above.
13. Substantially increased payments are being made to PIRA volunteers as a result of the general improvement in the organisation's financial situation.
14. New sniper weapons have recently been received with telescopes and cleaning gear. There is great secrecy about this equipment and greatly increased sniper training is to be undertaken.
15. Action in England does not appear to figure largely in PIRA intentions at present but the view is that pressure could be brought to bear on the British Government by means of a renewal of violence at almost any time it suited the Provisional Army Council. The capability to carry out such a course of action exists.
16. Security measures within the Provisional organisation have never been more strictly enforced. Dire consequences have been promised any member whose actions might jeopardise the overall plans.

The Army Authorities are being made aware of the foregoing, particularly that section relating to its personnel.

We are actively pursuing all aspects of the matter and hope to get a clearer picture of the overall situation before long.


CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT.