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The following statement has been issued on behalf of the Taoiseach:-

The Government have learned with shock and revulsion of the murder of His Excellency Mr. Christopher Ewart-Biggs, Her Majesty's Ambassador to Ireland and of Miss Judith Cooke, Private Secretary to the Permanent Under Secretary in the Northern Ireland Office, Mr. Brian Cubbon and the attempted murder of Mr. Cubbon and of the driver of the car, Mr. Brian O'Driscoll.

I wish, on my own behalf and on behalf of the Government to express my deepest sympathy with Mrs. Ewart-Biggs and the other relatives of the victims.

This atrocity fills all decent Irish people with a sense of shame. The Government are determined that all the resources at their disposal will be used to ensure that the perpetrators are brought to justice and face the full rigours of the law. All will wish to co-operate in every way possible with the Garda Síochána in this task.

I have personally conveyed the condolences and regret of the Government to the Prime Minister, Mr. James Callaghan. The Minister for Foreign Affairs, Dr. Garret FitzGerald, T.D. has communicated with the Northern Ireland Secretary, Mr. Merlyn Rees.

Members of the Government have cancelled attendance at all public functions and have ordered flags to be flown at half-mast on all public buildings.

21 July, 1976.