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NEWS RELEASE

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Wednesday 15th August, 1979.

POINTS RAISED BY MR. JAMES MOLYNEAUX M.P. ACTING PARTY LEADER, DURING A MEETING WITH MR. MICHAEL ALLISON M.P. MINISTER AT THE NIO, HELD AT 2.00 pm. TODAY IN LONDON.

1. Mr. Molyneux
2. Mr. Swift
3. Mr. Hamer
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In discussion:-

1. Terrorist trends as set out in General Glover's Paper.
2. Escalating terrorism since February.
3. Linked propaganda campaign.
4. Apparent attitude of Her Majesty's Government.
5. Resulting lack of confidence by both public and members of security forces.

Please note that Mr. Allison was delivered the following seven points of Policy in a letter yesterday.

1. That the existing detention powers of the Secretary of State be used so as to remove from circulation any known directors of terrorism against whom there is not the evidence necessary to secure a criminal conviction, and so as to retain in custody those convicted terrorists who would otherwise be free to resume terrorism on completing their partly remitted sentences.
2. That the regular military forces be so deployed that, with the support of the R.U.C., U.D.R. and H.M. Customs, cross border movement of terrorists and of their arms and explosives can be curtailed.
3. That greater use be made of S.A.S. and similar patrols along the frontier and in areas like South County Londonderry where terrorism has been rife, and for the restraints imposed on such operations since the Dunloy incident in August 1978 should be removed.
4. That the strength and versatility of the U.D.R. be developed so as to relieve regular troops for specialised tasks.
5. That the system for co-ordinating military and police operations be improved.
6. That the establishment ceiling of the R.U.C. be raised as promised a year ago by Mr. Roy Mason, and for the expansion of the R.U.C. Reserve to be resumed so that more regular police can be assigned to the Regional Crime Squads and the Special Patrol Group re-enforced.
7. That effective pressure, such as economic sanctions, be brought to bear upon the government of the Irish Republic to induce it to extradite the perpetrators of terrorist crimes to the United Kingdom for trial and to make use of its existing law to deal with terrorist activities within the Republic itself.

In addition Mr. Molyneux mentioned the need to counter United States and other foreign involvement in Ulster Affairs.