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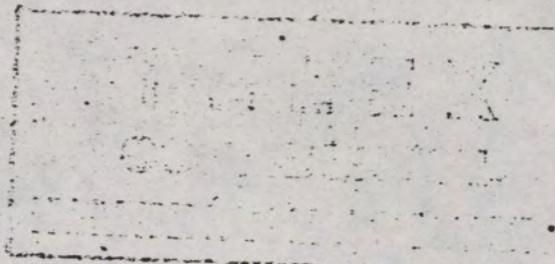


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ON SATURDAY, APRIL 7TH, I ASKED THE BRITISH CHARGE TO COME TO THE DEPARTMENT. I MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS TO HIM ABOUT THE STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE CHIEF CONSTABLE OF THE RUC.

1. WE FIND THE CHIEF CONSTABLE'S STATEMENT THAT HE BELIEVES THAT THERE WAS NO CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY TO 'COVER-UP' TO BE AN EXTRAORDINARY PRE-JUDGEMENT OF THE ISSUE.
2. WE UNDERSTAND HIS STATEMENT THAT THERE IS A CRITICAL AND PROPER NEED TO PROTEST OPERATIONAL METHODS AND SOURCES BUT WE CANNOT ACCEPT THAT IT IS PROPER TO MISREPRESENT THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH PEOPLE ARE KILLED. THE CHIEF CONSTABLE'S STATEMENT HAS ONLY SERVED TO REINFORCE EXISTING WIDESPREAD SUSPICIONS ABOUT THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATHS OF GREN AND CARROLL AND, INDEED, THE OTHER DEATHS TO WHICH THE CHIEF CONSTABLE REFERRED TO IN HIS STATEMENT.
3. THESE TWO ASPECTS OF THE CHIEF CONSTABLE'S STATEMENT DAMAGE THE ATMOSPHERE IN WHICH GARDA-RUC COOPERATION TAKES PLACE AND AS SUCH RUN COUNTER TO OUR JOINT INTEREST.
4. THE CHIEF CONSTABLE'S REFERENCE TO INCURSIONS IS UNSATISFACTORY. BY CONTRAST WITH THE AMBASSADOR'S FORMAL STATEMENT IT DOES NOT MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THERE ARE EXPLICIT INSTRUCTIONS AGAINST SUCH INCURSIONS NOR THAT THESE INSTRUCTIONS WERE BREACHED ON THIS OCCASION. IT IS NECESSARY THAT THESE TWO POINTS BE CLARIFIED BY THE BRITISH SIDE PUBLICLY.

5. THE STATEMENT REFERS TO THE NEED FOR TRUST AND MUTUAL RESPECT AS BETWEEN THE GARDA SIOCHANA AND THE RUC. THAT STATEMENT IS ALL VERY FINE BUT IT CANNOT BE RECONCILED WITH THE FACT THAT THE GARDA SIOCHANA WERE NOT TOLD OF THE INCURSION ON THE 12TH DECEMBER DESPITE THE EXISTENCE OF AN ELABORATE SYSTEM OF COMMUNICATION.

① X 6. I SAID I WAS INSTRUCTED TO ASK WHAT EFFORTS WERE MADE BY THE RUC ON 12TH DECEMBER TO INFORM THE GARDA SIOCHANA ABOUT THE CROSS-BORDER PROBLEMS THE RUC WERE FACING THAT DAY AND ABOUT THEIR INTENTION TO CROSS THE BORDER. I ASKED FOR THIS INFORMATION WITHIN A DAY.

NONE

7. I SAID THAT MAY IN THIS STATE WOULD BELIEVE THAT THE VARIOUS PROBLEMS WHICH HAD BEEN CREATED FOR OUR RELATIONS ON THE BRITISH AND NORTHERN IRELAND SIDE IN RECENT MONTHS CONSTITUTED A DELIBERATE EFFORT TO MAKE OUR POSITION IMPOSSIBLE AT A VERY DELICATE TIME.

8. I SAID THAT I MIGHT HAVE HAVE SOME FURTHER POINTS TO MAKE TO THE EMBASSY EITHER ON SUNDAY OR MONDAY.

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