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Loyalist Lists in Co. Fermanagh

1. You will have seen media coverage to the effect that RUC officers have advised 15 individuals in the Newtownbutler, Roslea, and Lisnaskea areas that their names feature on Loyalist lists.
2. I spoke to Fr. Denis Faul today about this issue. His understanding, from Frank McManus, the men's solicitor, is that the men in question (about half of whom are Sinn Fein members) were visited by the RUC, who were vague as to the source of the personal information concerned. One RUC officer is believed to have referred to "files": another referred to "Knock" although Fr. Faul does not exclude that this may have been a reference by the RUC officer to his having received instructions from Knock to advise the individuals.
3. Fr. Faul is concerned at these events and recalled that some of the individuals concerned (he confirmed that one was Eamonn McPhillips of Newtownbutler) were the subject of allegations of ill-treatment at Castlereagh last July. (We raised this pattern of ill-treatment at Castlereagh at a "stocktaking" meeting on 27 August and at the September Conference). His particular concern at present is of a link between ill-treatment, harassment and threats by the security forces (he cited the recent Cassidy case as an example), and leaks of information. He sees this pattern of activity as an attempt to drive the people concerned out of South Fermanagh. His

preferred course of action (and that of Frank McManus) is to institute a full judicial enquiry headed by a Mike Mansfield figure.

4. We would be grateful if you would seek a full account from the other side of the source, nature and extent of the lists referred to, in particular addressing the following questions:
 - is it the case that RUC/Security Force files are involved?
 - when and how did they come into the hands of Loyalist paramilitaries?
 - how many lists/files are involved?
 - what action have the authorities taken and what action do they intend to take in relation to this matter?
 - is there a link between these documents and the material handled by Brian Nelson?
 - any other relevant details?
5. You might also refer to local perceptions of a link between last Summer's ill-treatment cases at Castlereagh, public harassment of nationalists, (we have already raised the Cassidy case in this regard: log 1422) and the appearance of their names in Loyalist lists. These fears, and the associated mistrust of the RUC/Security Forces as Fr. Faul points out, serve to strengthen the position of the Provisional IRA.

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