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Sinn Fein Office Shootings

We received a number of further comments from the British side in the course of a meeting with John Ledlie this afternoon on another matter:

- Ledlie was told in our presence that the police had established, to their satisfaction, that there was only one gunman which the British side said to us illustrated how easily witnesses could be confused. In answer to our question, they said it had also been established that Constable Moore had not been accompanied in his BMW car.
- There is a direct link of some kind between Moore and the murder of Constable Spratt by his wife last Friday although Ledlie was not in a position to say what it was at this stage and pending further inquiries. Ledlie said the police seemed "fairly confident" that their procedures had been followed in the case of Constable Moore and that the police officer concerned had acted properly. That, of course, would not mean that the procedures involved would not be reviewed, they would be.
- The main concern of the police involved in the treatment of Moore on Sunday evening was that he was incapacitated by drink.