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25 September, 1993

For : Jean McManus  
c.c. PSM, Embassy London

From : Shane O Riordain

Text of the agreed statement on the  
Hume/Adams Talks

The text was conveyed to me by the British side (D. Kyle):-

Our discussions aimed at the creation of a peace process which would involve all parties have made considerable progress. We agreed to forward a report on the position reached to date to Dublin for consideration. We recognise that the broad principles will be for wider discussion between the two Governments. Accordingly, we have suspended detailed discussion for the time being in order to facilitate this. We are convinced from our discussions that a process can be designed to lead to agreement amongst the divided people of this island which will provide a solid basis for a peace. Such a process would also be designed to ensure that any new agreement that might emerge respects the diversity of our different traditions and earns their allegiance and agreement.

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Hume/Adams Talks

1. A/Sec O hUiginn telephoned here at 6.00 pm to say that he had learned that a joint statement on the above talks will be issued within the next hour or so.
2. O hUiginn told me that Dublin does not have a copy of the statement but that he had learned the gist of the statement is as follows:-
  - The discussions were aimed at developing a peace process;
  - Both sides agreed to forward a report of progress to date to Dublin;
  - Broad principles had been devised for consideration by both Governments;
  - Detailed discussions between Adams and Hume had been postponed for the time being.
3. A/Sec O hUiginn asked me to convey these points, on an information basis, to the other side. He also asked me to convey that our line on the statement is that we have a general willingness to listen to whatever is said to us when we are contacted by John Hume. (O hUiginn believes that Hume will shortly depart for the US.)
4. I conveyed this information to Christine Collins, the duty officer on the other side here for the weekend. She was not aware that a statement was to be issued; I asked her if she could obtain a copy of the statement for us upon its issue. She said she would do so.

*Shane O Riordain*

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25 September, 1993