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The leadership of Oghlalgh Na heireaga denies that any of its units was involved placing the bonb in Ennishillen list evenings.

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19 December 1994

TO: POR: RO

FROM: B Callaghan

Eniskillen Bomb

- Martin Williams came in to convey the following 1. (following a conversation with the Secretary of State):
 - They suspect that the bomb was planted by Republican Sinn Pein.
 - Today's meeting with Sinn Fein (at 11.30 am) will go ahead. The British side will be in touch with them in advance to confirm this and that they are prepared to have a substantive meeting. They will also make clear to them the importance of the British side being able to hold credibly to the assumption that the ceasefire is permanent.
 - Sinn Fein must (1) disassociate themselves from the bomb and (ii) condemn it.
 - They do not know how quickly Sinn Fein will be able to respond to this - they are not demanding that they do so before today's meeting or in the course of the day.
 - They will provisionally agree today to hold another meeting with Sinn Pein. However, the disassociation and condemnation must take place before the next meeting.
 - In public they will take the following line:
 - The planting of the bomb is a most serious incident. They are awaiting a full report on the details and will not speculate before receiving it.
 - 2. This incident shows the importance of dealing with the weapons issue.
 - They will be putting direct questions to Sinn Fein about the incident.
- 2. Williams said that they will be looking for full support from us for these tactics and are interested in our assessment/reaction. They will keep us abreast of developments.