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MEETING WITH FATHER ALEX REID

ON WEDNESDAY 8TH MARCH 1995

Father Reid asked that a meeting be agreed to between officials in Dublin with the IRSP which is linked to the INLA.

The request arose out of work done by Father Gerry Reynolds in which Father Reid participated.

The INLA/IRSP had not had a ceasefire to match the IRA ceasefire and Father Reid said it was a source of worry, to the Loyalists in particular.

The work of dealing with INLA had been ongoing since last September and attempts had been made to have them speak to John Hume/Sinn Fein. The issue had been raised with the last Government of their making a submission to the Forum for Peace and Reconciliation.

Father Reid said that on Monday last representatives of the organisation had asked to speak to somebody from Dublin (this is linked to their view that they have not been accorded parity of esteem in the North by Sinn Fein in particular).

The meeting, as proposed by Father Reid, would take place in Ligoori House and would be chaired by the Provincial of his order.