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To: HQ **From: Belfast**
To: Second Secretary **From: Joint Secretary**

Subj: Bangor killing (25 Oct)

1. The message coming through in various private conversations which we have had here about the car-bomb attack which killed Glenn Greer in a Bangor housing estate last Saturday is that this attack was undoubtedly the work of Loyalist paramilitaries of some description but was almost certainly drugs-related and linked to a personal feud. Those involved were probably maverick elements settling a score and the attack has no direct implications for the Loyalist ceasefire.

2. A senior Unionist contact privately expressed concern, however, at the indications that the perpetrators appear to have overcome a long-standing problem which Loyalist paramilitaries have had in achieving successful detonation of car-bombs. While they have had relatively easy access to explosives, they have frequently had difficulty in ensuring reliable detonation.

3. Although LVF involvement in the Bangor bombing is discounted by informed sources, fears have been expressed that there may be some "leakage" between the UFF/UVF and the LVF and that it would not be impossible for the latter to obtain access to the kind of materiel and equipment used in last Saturday's attack

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