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FROM: Val O'Donnell
Secretariat, Belfast

Subj: Log Case on alleged collusion by a Garda Officer in the murders of two RUC officers

We have received the attached further request from the other side in relation to the above matter. A copy of the earlier response given to the other side , based on the material that you provided, is attached for convenience.

We would appreciate any further comments or material that could be used in providing a reply to the latest request received.

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NOTE TO THE IRISH SIDE

MATTER RAISED BY THE BRITISH SIDE – ALLEGED COLLUSION BY GARDA OFFICER IN MURDER OF RUC OFFICERS IN MARCH 1989 (BIS-B1-99)

The Secretary of State for Northern Ireland has received representations from Mr George Shiels, a Councillor in Magherafelt District Council.

Mr Shiels has expressed his concerns regarding reported allegations made by Toby Harden, a Daily Telegraph reporter, in a soon to be published book. The allegation refers to collusion of a Garda Officer with the IRA in 1989 in arranging the murder of two RUC officers.

I am aware this matter has been raised previously by the British side but we would be grateful for any further comments you can make.

Signed

Joanne Maxwell
British-Irish Secretariat
2 December 1999

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NOTE TO THE BRITISH SIDE

LOG NO. B/7/99

Subject: Alleged Collusion by a Garda Officer in the Murders of RUC Officers in March 1989

I refer to your recent note concerning the above.

The Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform was consulted in the matter and have advised that the Garda Síochána have no information to suggest that the allegation is correct. They have also advised that the Garda Síochána are, of course, prepared to examine any new evidence which might be presented in the matter.

Valerie Donnelly

15 November 1999

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FROM: JACKIE McGIMPSEY
ANGLO-IRISH SECRETARIAT
4 November 1999

cc Mr Bell
Mr Fisher
Mrs Maxwell

NOTE TO THE IRISH SIDE

MATTER RAISED BY THE BRITISH SIDE: ALLEGED COLLUSION BY A GARDA OFFICER IN THE MURDERS OF RUC OFFICERS IN MARCH 1989 (LOG NO. B/7/99)

As you are aware there has been intense media speculation concerning alleged involvement of a garda officer in the murders of C/Supt Harry Breen and Supt Bob Buchannan.

2. The British Side would appreciate your observations in the matter.

Signed

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