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Conversation with Rita O'Hare re. the shooting of Martin McGartland.

Mr K' Gallagher
Passed on to the
Taoiseach.
17.6.99

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The Shooting of Martin McGartland

1. Rita O'Hare called back to say that her sources believe that the shooting of Martin McGartland in Tyneside this morning was a personal "grudge" matter and did not have Republican connections. It was significant, in this regard, that queries about the shooting were being handled by McGartland's publisher.

2. I said that I presumed that Sinn Féin would help ensure that this message would emerge in the public domain very quickly.

Dermot Gallagher
17 June 1999

cc: PST, PSM; Mr. Teahon; Mr. Dalton; Dr. Mansergh

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Belfast Report

-- Shooting of Martin McGartland

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To: HQ **From: Belfast**
For: Secretary Gallagher **From: Joint Secretary**

cc PST i/pers
Mr Taylor - the Dublin Desk
Mr Murtagh

Subj: Shooting of Martin McGartland

1. To confirm, we understand that Martin McGartland, an IRA informer turned author and Republican critic, was shot at 9 a.m. today in the centre of Whitley Bay, Tyneside. McGartland fled from Northern Ireland some time ago after he was abducted by the IRA and held in a house in West Belfast.

2. He is reported to have been shot six times. He has been taken to hospital, where he is currently undergoing surgery. His condition is described as "serious".

3. We have asked the British side for an immediate report. They are awaiting details from the Home Office and will come back to us as soon as possible.

Note
I spoke to R.O'H this morning and suggested that the Republican movement, knowing the war is over, the shooting would be used, should make some pre-emptive moves.
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