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To: HQ **From: Belfast**

For: Fergal Mythen **From: Niall Holohan**

Subject: Loyalist Paramilitary Feuding

1. Please find attached the text of the latest incident report we have received from the other side outlining details of the fatal shooting which took place on the Crumlin Road at lunchtime today. It is understood that the man killed was a member of the UDA. #

2. We have also been informed that the violent incidents attributed to loyalist paramilitaries are currently the subject of close scrutiny by the RUC and by high level security officials in the NIO. We understand that a meeting has been arranged with the Secretary of State for tomorrow at which important decisions are likely to be taken. It would seem that the question of the 're-specification' of one or more of the paramilitary groups in relation to the status of their ceasefire will be given serious consideration. It is also possible that the prisoner-release licence of several loyalist paramilitary figures may be revoked. We have been told confidentially that among those whose licence may be revoked tomorrow is UFF commander Johnny Adair.

3. We shall keep you informed of any further developments.

END

I understd it is Jackie Coulter, welfare officer for ex-prisoners.

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INCIDENT REPORT – FATAL SHOOTING IN NORTH BELFAST

Copy recipients will be aware of reports in the lunch time news reports of a fatal shooting on the Crumlin Road.

2. The police have advised that at approximately 12.30 pm a gun man appeared from an entry between Queensland St and Agnes St on the Crumlin Road (opposite side from the prison) and crossed the road approaching a car parked outside McClean's Bookmakers shop at 173 Crumlin Road. Shots were fired and the front seat passenger of the car was killed. Another person was found injured inside the bookmakers. The injured man is being treated in the Mater Hospital.

3. The name of the murdered man is not yet known. John White UDP has blamed the UVF for carrying out the shooting. The police will only confirm that he has Loyalist paramilitary associations.

4. Police have confirmed reports that shots were fired at the UDP offices at 286 Shankill Road. It is believed a white rover car drove past and fired approximately 10 rounds. One person has been injured by flying glass. The car was found abandoned a few minutes later in Battenburg Street near Lanark way

at the top of the Shankill Road. A number of spent cases were found inside the car. We will keep you informed of developments.

5. In the meantime I attach lines to take.

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Lines to take

- We totally condemn this despicable murder and extend our sympathy to the family. There is no justification for acts of this type.

- Would not be appropriate to speculate who is responsible for this murder and call on everyone who has any information about this killing to pass it on to the Police.

- The situation with regard to the cease-fires is kept under continual review. We receive regular briefings on the security situation from the Chief Constable and our security advisers. If there is evidence received of active involvement by organisations which are on cease-fire the Secretary of State has said he will take the necessary action.

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