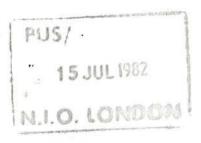


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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

James Molyneaux Esq MP House of Commons LONDON SW1



15 July 1982

I have seen a press report of your speech at Scarva in which you are alleged in a direct quotation to have speculated whether crown servants, by which I presume is meant Ministers or their officials, were privy to a grand strategy involving the murder of Robert Bradford and six others.

If you have been accurately reported, I cannot imagine a more appalling charge - complicity in murder - nor can I believe that this is mere idle speculation on your part. Your plain duty is to give your evidence to the police if you have not already done so.

I would be grateful for your observations.

in PS/Sir Ewart Below

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