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PS/SECRETARY OF STATE (B & L) (BY MUFAX)

PRISONS: BREAKOUT AT MAZE - SUNDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

The brief facts of the above event are as follows -

Shortly before 3 pm a number of handguns were produced by prisoners in H7 which is occupied exclusively by conforming Republican prisoners. A prison officer (Adams) was shot twice in the head and the prisoners went on to take over the H Block. They waited for the meal delivery van to arrive at H7 from the prison kitchen and then hijacked it. Several prisoners donned prison officers uniform and the rest concealed themselves in the back of the van. In this manner they drove to the Inner Prison Gate where they produced guns and under threat staff opened the gate. At the Main Prison Entrance Gate staff recognised prisoners and a major fight ensued in which the Prison Officer (Ferris) was stabbed and later died and other prison officers were wounded.

A prison officer rammed his car against the delivery van and blocked the Entrance Gate so preventing the prisoners from driving out. 38 prisoners escaped from the prison on foot of which 15 have so far been recaptured. One prisoner was shot in the leg by a soldier and is in hospital.

A list of the 23 prisoners remaining at large is annexed.

The list of prison officer casualties includes 1 dead, 1 seriously injured, and 5 others in hospital with less serious injuries.

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Mr Gilliland  
Mr Doyne-Ditmas  
Mr Edis  
Mr Reeve  
Mr Boys Smith M  
Mr Wood M  
Mr Jackson ✓  
Mr Kerr  
Miss Simmons  
Mr Ginn

AT LARGE

163	KBS	ARTT	LIFE
490	P.	BRENNAN	16 YEARS
220	J.P.	CLARKE	18 YEARS
682	HJ	COREY	LIFE
6	JG	FYRES	20 YEARS
193	S	CAMPBELL	14 YEARS - <i>Pris. Work</i>
743	KG	FLEMING	SOSP
58	G	KELLY	LIFE
155	PO	MCKEARNEY	14 YEARS
221	PJ	McINTYRE	15 YEARS
907	JJ	SMITH	20 YEARS
320	A	McALLISTER	LIFE
333	RP	RUSSELL	20 YEARS
183	D	FINNUCANE	18 YEARS
167		<del>KANE</del>	18 YEARS
448	B	McFARLANE	LIFE
51		<del>MEAD</del>	LIFE
285	CP	McDonnell	16 YEARS
209	AE	Kelly	SOSP
446	SJ	Clarke	LIFE
178	T	Kirby	LIFE
188	DJ	McNALLY	LIFE
145	ST	McELWAIN	LIFE

RECAPTURED

391		BURNS	LIFE	<i>Kane</i>
1		GORMAN	SOSP	<i>Mead</i>
175		McGLINCHY	LIFE	
392		O'CONNOR	LIFE	
78		CUMMINGS	LIFE	
155		DONNELLY	15 YEARS	
395		MURRAY	LIFE	
185		STOREY	18 YEARS	
61		SIMPSON	20 YEARS	

138	McCANN	25 YEARS
526	ROBERTS	SOSP
216	KERR	LIFE
150	MURRAY	20 YEARS
57	HAMILTON	LIFE
324	McMANUS	15 YEARS

LIFE	10	LIFE	7
SOSP	2	SOSP	2
20 YEARS	3	25 YEARS	1
18 YEARS	3	20 YEARS	2
16 "	2	18 "	1
15 "	1	15 "	2
14 "	2		
	23		15