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TO IMMEDIATE FCO
TELEGRAM NUMBER 516 OF 3 AUGUST 1985
INFO IMMEDIATE NIO (BELFAST)

FOLLOWING FOR RESIDENT CLERK

YOUR TELNO 175: MARTIN GALVIN

1. I SAW LILLIS THIS MORNING AND SPOKE FULLY AS INSTRUCTED. HE SAID HE ENTIRELY UNDERSTOOD OUR CONCERN, AND HE WOULD "PRESS THE GARDA LIKE MAD" TO KEEP ON GALVIN'S TRACK AND KEEP US INFORMED.

2. PLEASE INFORM CLARK RID, HARRINGTON HOME OFFICE AND LYON SIL, NIO.

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AND TO NIO(BELFAST)  

YOUR TELNO 508: MARTIN GALVIN  

1. YOUR CONVERSATION WITH LILLIS GIVES YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO GO BACK TO HIM AND TO REITERATE OUR NEED FOR THE MAXIMUM COOPERATION FROM THE IRISH GOVERNMENT IN CIRCUMVENTING, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, GALVIN'S PLAN TO DEFY THE EXCLUSION ORDER AGAINST HIM. WE UNDERSTAND THROUGH POLICE CHANNELS THAT HE ARRIVED AT SHANNON EARLY FRIDAY. WE THINK IT MOST LIKELY THAT HE AND HIS FRIENDS IN SNN FEIN WILL AIM TO PRODUCE HIM AGAIN ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF INTERNMENT (SUNDAY 11 AUGUST) IN ORDER TO GAIN THE MAXIMUM PROPAGANDA EFFECT. THEY MAY OF COURSE HAVE PLANS FOR OTHER APPEARANCES AS THEY DID LAST YEAR.

2. PLEASE THEREFORE SPEAK URGENTLY TO LILLIS, AND SAY THAT WE HAVE BEEN GRATEFUL FOR THE WAY IN WHICH THE DFA HAVE KEPT US INFORMED, BOTH ABOUT GALVIN'S MOVEMENTS AND HIS EFFORTS TO SECURE AN IRISH PASSPORT OVER THE LAST YEAR. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE IRISH AUTHORITIES' ALERTNESS ABOUT HIS ARRIVAL, AND FOR THEIR PASSING THE INFORMATION TO THE RUC. WE ASSUME THAT THE IRISH GOVERNMENT SHARE OUR DESIRE TO AVOID AT ALL COSTS A REPETITION OF LAST YEAR'S UNFORTUNATE EVENTS IN ANDERSONSTOWN. ANY INFORMATION WHICH THEY PICK UP ABOUT GALVIN'S INTENTIONS AND MOVEMENTS WILL OBVIOUSLY BE MOST USEFUL TO US IN THIS CONNECTION. WE HOPE THAT THEY WILL NOT HESITATE TO LET US KNOW THROUGH THE DIPLOMATIC CHANNEL, OR DIRECTLY BETWEEN THE GARDA AND THE RUC IF ANY RELEVANT INFORMATION COMES TO LIGHT.

3. YOU MAY ASSURE HIM THAT FOR OUR PART WE HAVE TAKEN STRENUEOUS STEPS TO TRY TO AVOID A REPETITION OF LAST YEAR'S CONFRONTATION, BUT AS HE WILL BE WELL AWARE, SNN FEIN WILL GO TO SOME LENGTHS TO TRY TO PROVOKE ONE. IF THE RUC SHOULD CATCH GALVIN ON NORTHERN IRELAND SOIL, WE ALSO HOPE THAT THE IRISH GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE AN UNDERSTANDING ATTITUDE IN PUBLIC TO THE ACTIONS WHICH WE SHALL TAKE TO REMOVE HIM. YOU SHOULD WARN LILLIS THAT ALTHOUGH WE INTEND TO REMOVE HIM TO NEW YORK IT IS NOT COMPLETELY OUT OF THE QUESTION SHOULD HE SUCCESSFULLY INV OKE THE PROCESSES OF THE LAW (DESPITE THE NEWS IN YOUR TELNO 508) THAT WE SHOULD HAVE TO RETURN HIM TO THE REPUBLIC.

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TELEGRAM NUMBER 508 OF 1 AUGUST 1985
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MY TELNO 506: MARTIN GALVIN

1. LILLIS TOLD ME TODAY THAT THE DFA HAD DISCOVERED THAT ALTHOUGH GALVIN HAD PRESENTED AN IMMACULATE APPLICATION FOR AN IRISH PASSPORT HE HAD BEEN REFUSED, ON THE GROUNDS THAT HE HAD APPLIED TO THE WRONG CONSULATE GENERAL IN THE UNITED STATES. THE DFA HAVE THEREFORE CONCLUDED THAT HE IS TRAVELLING ON A UNITED STATES PASSPORT, ALTHOUGH THEY ARE NOT SURE. IF, HOWEVER, HMG WERE TO ASK THE IRISH GOVERNMENT WHETHER GALVIN WAS AN IRISH CITIZEN THEY WOULD BE OBLIGED TO REPLY AFFIRMATIVELY. LILLIS GAVE SOME KIND OF APOLOGY FOR MISLEADING US PREVIOUSLY.

2. I SAID THAT THE POINT AT ISSUE WAS VERY IMPORTANT BECAUSE OF COMMUNITY LAW. IF GALVIN WAS NOT A CITIZEN OF A MEMBER STATE OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY THE PROCEDURES FOR EXCLUSION WOULD BE LESS ELABORATE. I SAID I THOUGHT THAT WE WOULD NOT WISH TO ASK THE IRISH GOVERNMENT WHETHER HE WAS AN IRISH CITIZEN IF WE COULD AVOID DOING SO. I TOLD HIM WE SHOULD DEPORT GALVIN FROM NORTHERN IRELAND IF WE FOUND HIM THERE, AND IN THE LIGHT OF WHAT LILLIS HAD SAID, WE SHOULD DEPORT HIM TO NEW YORK.

3. FCO PLEASE PASS TO LYON NIO (L).

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