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Your reference:
Our reference:
29 July 1997

Dear Bob,

#### **GRANTS TO ORGANISATIONS**

In your letter of 21 July, you asked me about a grant from this Department to the Irish Republican Felons Club, 536 Falls Road, Belfast. I have received the attached minute from Joe Cowan, my Deputy Secretary colleague responsible for Urban Affairs which I hope provides you with all the information you require.

Yours sincerely

NIGEL HAMILTON









Memo

From Mr J Cowan

Your ref:

Tel: 47,801.00

Date: 28 July 1997

To: Mr Nigel Maniton

cc: Mr Warburton

Mr Lucas

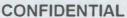
## IRISH REPUBLICAN FELONS CLUB, 536 FALLS ROAD, BELFAST

1. Your minute of 22 July 1997 refers.

- 2. I can confirm that the Department has approved an Urban Development Grant application for external works to these premises. The cost of the works is £132,500; grant eligible costs are £89,100 which attract 60% UDG grant of £53,460 plus professional fees of approximately £6,550. The total amount of grant to be paid will be £60k, plus or minus a pound or two.
- 3. The scheme has been subjected to a lengthy appraisal process and was approved in accordance with our normal policy in respect of applications for "non-commercial" properties. It was considered that the project would deliver environmental improvement at a prominent location on an arterial route within a UDG target area.
- 4. During the appraisal process, UDG Branch sought clearance for grant assistance from Mrs D Brown in Central Secretariat. She advised, by telephone, that as the Hurd Policy had been withdrawn, the Department could assist the scheme. (Written confirmation has been promised but is not yet to hand; a reminder has prompted written confirmation via a fax).
- 5. Work has commenced and a first stage payment of £15,781 has been made.

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From: Nigel Hamilton

Your ref: Our ref:

Tel: (5)40001

Date: 22 July 1997

To: Mr Cowan

cc:

## IRISH REPUBLICAN FELONS CLUB 536 FALLS ROAD, BELFAST

I have been asked from our usual source of interest in these matters whether I can confirm that DOE has recently approved a grant of approximately £120,000 towards the upgrading of these premsies.

I would be grateful if you could investigate this and arrange for me to have whatever background the Department would have on the application, etc, on the usual basis.

**NIGEL HAMILTON** 

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21 July 1997

Dear Nigel

#### **GRANTS TO ORGANISATIONS**

Thank you for copying to me your note of 8 July to Stephen Quinn on the procedures and monitoring arrangements which your department has in place for the EU Peace & Reconciliation Programme.

I would like to take up your offer of receiving the attachments to your note.

It would also be helpful to know whether DOE also deal with non-Partnership Board IFBs and whether the monitoring arrangements outlined in your note extend to them.

Turning to what is probably a separate grant area I should be grateful if you could confirm a report that DOE has recently approved a grant of circa £120,000 towards the upgrading of premises occupied by the Irish Republican Felons Club, 537 Falls Road, Belfast.

Finally, I hope to be in a position shortly to speak to you about your request for advice on the matter concerning the LVLO in Belfast.

Yours sincerely

Bob Megaley

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