

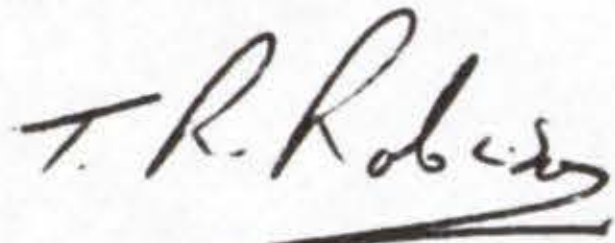
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THREATS TO CIVILIANS BY SUBVERSIVES

The Secretary has undertaken to keep NIO informed of any comment or approach made to the Department concerning the agricultural food and fisheries sector in connection with the recent threats to civilians by subversive organisations. You should therefore arrange to let me have written reports of any incidents which come to your attention as and when they occur.



T R ROBINSON
12 August 1986
Room 562.

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Mr McKillop

I attach a copy of a memo from Mr Armstrong informing us of a low key approach concerning the attitude of employees of a creamery to the recent IRA threat to civilians.

I do not think that any action is required by you but I have asked Mr Given in our Emergencies Division to collate and co-ordinate any such comments or approaches made to the Department concerning the agricultural food and fisheries sector and that he should keep in touch with you. I felt however that you should be aware of the possible problems that could arise in this sector.

L. H. Jack

W H JACK
PERMANENT SECRETARY
11 August 1986

S McKillop Esq
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✓ cc: Mr J Given, DANI - Please liaise with other Divisions in DANI to ensure that you get an up-to-date picture of any such approaches which are made and that you keep NIO informed of any significant happenings. *X.*

cc: Mr S R Armstrong

Mr Robinson

*To see pl. Re x pl ask Divisions
if any word has reached them of
industry problems relative to the IRA
threat and to keep us advised if
anything is brought to their
attention*

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J Given
11/8/86.

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Secretary

IRA THREAT TO CIVILIANS SERVICING SECURITY FORCES

1. Mr McCartney of the NIDTF has informed us that 7 employees of one creamery have indicated that they are no longer willing to deliver milk to the security forces in view of the recent threat. While there have been no other reports of employees at other creameries adopting a similar stance unease, particularly in difficult areas, is apparently increasing.
2. The NIDTF is recommending its members to encourage employees to work normally and asking that they keep the Joint Industrial Council informed of developments. The Federation has also suggested that in some circumstances there may be merit in creameries arranging for the security forces to collect their own supplies, although it is recognised that this might only shift the danger to the depots. It is understood that the Trade Unions are also suggesting that people work normally.
3. Mr McCartney made his approach at DP level because he wanted to keep the matter low key. He stressed that he simply wanted to let Government know what was happening but he asked for advice on the appropriate channel through which to raise the matter if the problem escalated.



S R ARMSTRONG

7 August 1986

c.c. Mr. Gwin (R566)

W H Jack Esq
Secretary

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