



STORMONT CASTLE,
BELFAST, 4.

September 14.

Dear Rossie,

I believe a paper by
Northern Ireland Command on "Jamming".
I have asked Northern Ireland Gov^t for a
paper on the legal position as the N.I.C.
are it.

I suggest you take note of the
Army's paper, but take no further action
as it is not I can give you an clearer
recommendation.

Yours ever,

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ILLEGAL BROADCASTING STATIONS
IN NORTHERN IRELANDINTRODUCTION

1. At present there are several illegal broadcasting stations (pirate radios) operating in Northern Ireland (NI). These are:
 - a. "Radio Free Belfast" - Catholic/Republican/Anarchistic. Highly professional.
 - b. "Radio Derry" - unlocated but similar to "Radio Free Belfast".
 - c. "Radio Ulster" - also known as "Royalist Radio". Extreme right-wing Protestant, crude and amateurish.
 - d. "Radio Shankill" - the same type as "Radio Ulster".
 - e. "Radio Peace" - Non-sectarian, non-inflammatory.
2. Extracts from the more inflammatory broadcasts of these illegal stations are attached at Annex A.
3. "Radio Free Belfast" has now been virtually put off the air, either through equipment failure or because "Radio Ulster" is transmitting with a far stronger signal on a neighbouring frequency. It is probable, however, that "Radio Free Belfast" will be able to overcome these difficulties and resume broadcasting.
4. "Radio Peace" may have ceased functioning.

AIM

5. To consider whether illegal broadcasting stations in Ulster pose a threat to security at the present time, and if so what action could be taken to deal with them.

DISCUSSIONThreat

6. The main causes for concern are that, with the exception of Radio Peace, the stations are:
 - a. Directly inflammatory.
 - b. Being used as command and control media.

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- c. Broadcasting anarchic material.
- d. Broadcasting intimidating material including personal attacks on individuals.
- e. Attacking Crown Agencies, including the Army.
- f. Attacking the Eire Government.
- g. Exacerbating moderate opinion.

7. The RUC consider the Catholic stations to be a greater threat to security than the Protestant stations but it is doubtful whether this belief is justified.

Counter Action

8. Methods. The methods open for counter-action are:

- a. Jamming.
- b. Physical Arrest of offenders.

9. Jamming Capability

- a. From present military resources in NI - Nil.
- b. From civilian resources in NI:
 - (1) BBC medium wave mobile transmitter at LISNAGARVEY, which is cleared for use providing political clearance is given for its requisition.
 - (2) Ministry of Home Affairs Workshops possess two obsolete but effective equipments capable of jamming.
- c. Military equipment is available at DONNINGTON and a request has already been made for two RS 53 stations to be sent to Northern Ireland.

10. Sufficient facilities, therefore, exist now in NI to jam up to three illegal stations at a time and these could be operated from present available manpower. The remaining stations could be jammed on arrival of the additional equipment from DONNINGTON, and operators for this equipment could probably be found from existing manpower resources.

11. Physical Arrest of Offenders. This would be the most effective means of preventing illegal broadcasting but in the present areas in which these stations are operating it would be virtually impossible to make arrests.

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Effect of Jamming on other Communications

12. Jamming can be accurately and carefully controlled and interference with authorised communications should not occur, although there is a possibility of local interference with Radio Eire.

Sites for jamming Stations

13. To achieve success jamming stations must be sited as near as possible to the hostile stations. The sites chosen should be in an open space and, if not located on military premises, would have to be guarded. It is therefore considered that jamming stations would have to be sited within military or RUC premises.

CONCLUSIONS

14. The pirate radio stations in Ulster pose a threat to security at the present time.

15. The only really practical means of dealing with them is by jamming. NI has, at present, sufficient resources to deal effectively with up to three pirate stations at a time, and the remainder could be dealt with as well when additional equipment which has been asked for arrives from DONNINGTON.

16. Jamming could be sufficiently accurately controlled to avoid interfering with other legal communications but some local interference with Radio Eire is possible.

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1. This is 'Radio Free Belfast' speaking to the people of Belfast. We have a statement here from Mr Paddy Devlin, Labour M.P. for Falls. In the statement Mr Devlin says 'British Labour M.Ps. are due to visit Belfast on Sunday, 24th August. A mass meeting of the people of the Falls area will meet them in Leeson Street. All people of the Falls area are invited along to tell the delegation what we think of Harold Wilson's contemptible proposals. We want the abolition of the Stormont Parliament. We want the complete disbandment of the "B" Specials, and their total disarming. We want the Republicans who are detained in Crumlin Road Prison released at once, because they are guilty of no crime and charged with no offence. We want William Craig, Lord Brookeborough, Ian Paisley and John McKaig charged with inciting their followers to religious hatred. We want these Labour M.Ps. who are visiting Belfast to know what really happened in the Falls Road and Ardoyne areas last week-end and not the lies fed out by that Aristocrat-Nonentity - Chichester Clarke.

2. The political settlement arranged in London between Harold Wilson and Major Chichester-Clarke has now been exposed as a sell-out to the very forces of law and order which were supposed to come under army control. The military forces which received such a warm welcome in the Bogside and Belfast now appear to be operating as a wing of the Special Branch of the Unionist Government's Political Police. They are to be held with much contempt and distrust as the rest of the organs of state security.

2./3. General Freeland

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3. General Freeland is to act in constant consultation with the Unionist Regime. There can be little doubt about the sort of advice they will give him, besides, Freeland has served in Cyprus and Zanzibar. He is no stranger to the art of suppressing peoples wanting their freedom.

4. Two lessons must be learnt before the final struggle commences. First, we can expect no invasion from the South, nor should we want it. The most we can expect is help for the areas actually under attack. Second, that after we ask Northern Protestants to join the expanded 26 County State under Fianna Fail control, many decent but disgruntled men will join the murderous thugs of the "B" Specials and the U.V.F. to fight the last fight.

5. There are approximately 30 men interned in the Crumlin Road Jail. The exact number is not known. The Stormont Junta will not release a list of those whom they have detained under the Special Powers Act. These men are charged with no crime. They have been convicted of no offence. If the Unionist Regime had the slightest shread of evidence against them the Royal Ulster Gestapo have enough perjurers and informers to have them convicted.

6. As Irishmen, the people of the 26 counties have every right to concern themselves with Northern Ireland affairs, but to expect Lynch and company to take serious action over the North is to ignore political realities. The 26 County State has its own special Powers Act. Its own political police and has shown little interest in the rights and welfare of its own citizens. The Free State was founded in the blood of Republicans. When Fianna Fail came to power they continued this murderous tradition. Only last week-end the Guards viciously batoned crowds of demonstratore in Dublin.

7. This is Radio Free Belfast. Our next request is for Sergeant Patterson and Sergeant Lavery of the Special Branch. It is from the men in Hooker Street. We have'nt got you yet, but dont worry, we will and when we do you will be "Gratefully Dead". That is the name of this record "Gratefully Dead", for Sergeant Patterson and Sergeant Lavery of the Special

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Branch from the boys in Hooker Street.

8. This next request is for H.C. Michael Timoney and it is from the boys in Leeson Street. This is for you Timoney. We didn't get you Thursday and Friday but we will get you eventually. Why are you fighting a losing battle, why don't you just surrender? Why don't you come into Leeson Street and give yourself up? You will get a fair trial and you will be shot. This is for you H.C. Timoney. Don't play with us because you are "Playing with Fire".

9. Radio Free Belfast to the people of Belfast. We have a special message here. It is to Samuel Crosby, he is a Porter in the Royal Victoria Hospital. The Falls Road would like to know would you put in a claim for your redundancy pay because you will be redundant very soon.

10. This is a new item:-

Police have been directing traffic at the top of the Falls Road/Grosvenor Road Junction. The G.O.C. was reported to have been present ten minutes before the police took over traffic patrol. Junior Army Officers declared to people standing by that the police were being phased in in the Falls area. A successful sit-down took place at the junction and the police left immediately. Demonstrators followed the Army and the Police to Springfield Road Police Station where a delegation of two or three was elected to enter and discuss the situation. While the delegation was outside the station an Army Officer stated that a meeting was scheduled for 9 p.m.

11. The people who suffer in these troubled times, on both sides through the last weeks' events have been very one-sided, are the people who live in the squalid back-streets of the Falls, Shankill and Crumlin Roads. They are working people earning low wages and many of them have lost all their possessions.

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The burning and wrecking never reached the Malone Road. The rattle of the machine gun fire never disturbed the tranquillity of the residents there, but that is where most of the Unionist bosses live, the people who have been preaching hatred and violence but who are never around to see the effects of their oratory. It is always the working class who suffer. All this is no accident, Tory politicians, Green as well as Orange, have always wanted to divide the people on the basis of religion, so that they will put up with high unemployment, low wages and disgraceful houses. Today we see the shameful results of their handiwork, but this time they have gone too far. The only way to secure an immediate peace in Belfast is to scrap the "B" Specials and to suspend Stormont. This will, at least, enable the people to live without fear. In the long-term the only real solution must be the working people of Northern Ireland to throw off the old sectarian hatred; crush sectarian organisations like the A.O.H. and Orange Order, and unite to fight the Orange and Green Tories.

RADIO ULSTER

12. Radio Ulster - 30 Aug 69 - accused ALISTINE COLLEY of being implicated in the murder of Constable ANDERSON and stated that he would get the same treatment.

13. The following are examples of other broadcasts by Radio Ulster during 2/3 Sep 69:

- a. All Protestants were told to build barricades at every street corner and not to take them down.
- b. GPO BELFAST was accused of being Republican and an appeal was made to all loyalists to watch for a small grey post office van with a circular listening device on top and to give it a hot reception.
- c. Five named people were accused of blowing up the main water pipe at CLADY.
- d. The lives of five named people were threatened, two being given top priority.
- e. Alleged informers for Roman Catholic illegal organisations were named.

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f. The Army was accused of threatening mothers and children at gunpoint. It was suggested to soldiers that they could not trust their officers.

g. Quote from Miss "Ulster" - "We wish to God we had Colonel Mad Mitchell in Northern Ireland."

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