

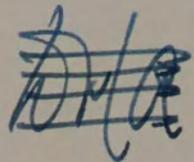
MESSAGE FROM MISS BERNADETTE DEVLIN RECEIVED AT
9.35 A.M. ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 1969

Miss Devlin began by asking when she could speak to the Prime Minister and when he would be returning to London. I said that, as she would know, the Prime Minister was in the Isles of Scilly and that I could not tell her when he would be returning.

Miss Devlin went on to say that the Prime Minister should know that news of events in Northern Ireland was being censored and was misleading. She said that, because of a shortage of medical supplies, they had had in Bogside yesterday an injured man who had to be taken out of the area for treatment. The men accompanying him had been clearly marked as first aid men and the car in which they were travelling had been stopped by a B Special Patrol. The B Special Patrol allowed the car to drive on but then opened fire on it injuring one of the first aid men accompanying the injured man. She said that the news of this incident, which suggested that the car had refused to stop, was incorrect.

Miss Devlin went on to say that the people of Bogside demanded the suspension of Stormont. She said that they had no intention of leaving Bogside. In no circumstances would they allow any members of the RUC to enter the area, nor would they attack troops so long as they stayed outside Bogside. She also said that the people in Bogside possessed no guns.

I said that I would, of course, convey the message



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to the Prime Minister as well as to the Home Secretary's Office. She said that she considered this to be a matter for the Prime Minister at Westminster and that the Parliament at Westminster should be recalled.

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