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30 June 1986

Dear Declan

I enclose herewith copy of correspondence from the Gardai relative to a proposal from the RUC regarding the reclosure of a number of Border crossings.

I note that the proposed work will not be undertaken until a response is received by the RUC from the Gardai. I would be glad to have your observations on the proposed reclosure to enable the Gardai to effect a response.

Yours sincerely

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BORDER CROSSING POINTS:

Proposed reclosures

SERIAL NO.	CROSSING NO.	REMARKS.	
No. 1	91	This Border Crossing Point (BCP) is on the road leading from Glaslough, Co. Monaghan, to Tynan, Co. Armagh. This BCP was closed for about 12 years but was found open to traffic on the 16/4/1986. It was again closed by the Northern Ireland Authorities on the 2/5/1986 and it is still closed to traffic. Evidently the proposal now is to effect a more permanent and effective closure.	X
No. 2	114	This is north of Roslea, Co. Fermanagh, and in the Scotstown Sub-District; known locally as Corrinshigogo. It was closed to traffic in 1972 but was re-opened on the 4/1/1985.	X
No. 3	115	In the same area as Crossing No. 114 and known locally as Rough Hill; closed on 14/2/84 and re-opened to traffic in June, 1984.	X
No. 4	117	In the same area as Crossing No. 115 and known locally as Derrintonney; closed on 14/2/84 and again opened to traffic on 19/2/84.	✓
No. 5	118	In the same area as Crossing No. 117 and known locally as Kilcorn; closed on 14/2/84 and again opened to traffic from 19/2/84.	X
No. 6	177	East of Enniskillen/Swanlinbar Road and known locally as Cox's Lane; first closed in 1972 and again on the 20/10/84. It is still closed but there is a rough track whereby in good weather a car may be driven through.	X
No. 7	229	This is on the Donegal/Tyrone Border and in Pettigo Sub-district; closed to traffic since 1974.	X
No. 8	230	Ditto.	
No. 9	234	This is on the Donegal/Tyrone Border and in Ballybofey Sub-district; closed to traffic since 1974.	
No. 10	235	This is in the Ballybofey Sub-district; closed to traffic in 1973 but a bye-pass was made by local farmers and is almost exclusively used by them.	
No. 11	236	This is in the Ballybofey Sub-district; closed since 1973.	
No. 12	238	Ditto.	
No. 13	249	This is in the Castlefin Sub-district; closed in 1973 but a farmer with land on both sides of the Border has built a bye-pass on which he has a gate erected and which is normally kept locked.	

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Reclosure of Border Crossings.

I forward herewith a copy of a letter from the Royal Ulster Constabulary Headquarters, Belfast, indicating that it is proposed to close 15 Border Crossing Roads as set out at Appendices 1 and 2 of the letter; (Tab 'B').

There is no objection to the proposed closures from a security point of view but of course there are other considerations which are more appropriate to your Office. However, I would like to draw your attention to the remarks, in relation to the final two (2) Border Crossing Points, as set out in the Appendix (Tab 'A') that I attach herewith.

No date has been given to undertake the proposed work and it is understood that it will not be undertaken until a Garda response is received by the Royal Ulster Constabulary.



SERIAL NO.	CROSSING NO.	REMARKS.
No.14	258	This is in the Castlefin Sub-district. This road connects Clady with Dunnalob in County Donegal. There is a Catholic Church in Dunnalob which caters for the village of Clady and in this respect the BCP assumes some importance. Its closure may give rise to local agitation in that the closure would result in people from Clady crossing BCP 259 and from there to Castlefin to reach Dunnalob an extra distance of five (5) miles.
No.15	259	This is in Castelfin Sub-district and on the road between Clady and Castlefin. The proposal here is not an actual closure but rather the maintenance of Permanent Vehicle Check Points; one by the Northern Ireland Authorities and the other by the Garda/Army. This situation currently prevails.

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*Dear Steve*

RECLOSURE OF BORDER CROSSINGS

Further to our conversation on Friday 13 June 1986, I now write to give you the details on the attached appendices of the Border Crossing Points which it is proposed to re-close.

The details of the probable work required to effect reclosure may be subject to change following site inspection by engineers.

In respect of Clady Bridge No 15 on the attached list of BCPs, what is recommended so far as the Republic of Ireland is concerned is the provision of a PVCP by the Garda Siochana at the junction of Clady Bridge/Castlefinn Road. Insofar as Northern Ireland is concerned it is proposed to re-build the Security Building at the PVCP on the village and render the Dunnalob Road impassable to vehicular traffic - see serial number 4 on the attached appendices.

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BORDER CROSSING POINTS

	CROSSING NO	OLD NO	GRID REFERENCE	LOCATION
1.	91	K25	7388/4248	Cortynan
2.	114	L3	5476/3638	Derryvolan
3.	115	L4	5528/3516	Tattymore
4.	117	L5	5578/3456	Rellan
5.	118	L6	5594/3400	Rellan
6.	177	L52	2095/2671	Gretnafine
7.	229	M14	1584/7480	Tieveameenta
8.	230	M15	1050/7624	Tulanshane
9.	234	M19	1436/8522	Meenreagh Bridge
10.	235	M22	1668/8469	Laghtfoggy Meehan Border
11.	236	M22	180638600	Laghtmorris Cornlaghy Border
12.	238	M23	2012/8692	Carnhill
13.	249	N2	2974/8932	Inisclan
14.	258	N4	2913/9347	Dunnaloob Road
15.	259	N5	2925/9396	Clady Bridge



## PROBABLE WORK INTENDED TO EFFECT RECLOSURE

1. Placing of Braithwaite tank
2. Cratering of road, placement of Braithwaite tank
3. Placing of Braithwaite tank(s)
4. " " "
5. " " "
6. " " "
7. " " "
8. Erection of strong agricultural gates
9. Placing of Braithwaite tank(s) or gate (key with owner)
10. Placing of Braithwaite tank(s)
11. Placing of Braithwaite tank(s) or gate (key with owner)
12. Placing of Braithwaite tank(s)
13. " " "
14. Placing of Braithwaite or removal of bridge
15. Rebuilding of Permanent Vehicle Check Point/Gardai PVCP on Eire side.