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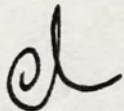
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Note for file

I saw Paddy McGrory at his holiday home in Donegal on 14 August 1988.

He has just made an application to the Gibraltar Coroner to dispense with a jury for the inquest. His researches (and own experience in Gibraltar for the preliminary hearing) lead him to believe that there is no chance that a Gibraltar jury will decide other than in favour of the British security forces. He said that 25% of the people of Gibraltar depend directly on the British security forces for their livelihood. He has received a letter from the Treasury solicitor asking the ground for which he is making the application. He does not propose to give any until nearer the time of the inquest but he will probably rely on the publicity surrounding the inquest which the British Government themselves have made an issue, a statement by the Attorney General of Gibraltar expressing doubt about the possibility of finding an unprejudiced jury in the wake of publicity in the case, and precedent in Northern Ireland.

He expects to arrive in Gibraltar on the 3rd of September. He will be asking the Treasury solicitor to ensure that he will be able to get through the border on his arrival each day from the apartment he has rented at Soto Grande in Spain. (Note: we should make the same point in relation to ~~our~~ Mr McDonagh and Deputy Andrews.)



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15 August 1988