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STATEMENT OF PETER BERRY, SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
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On 17th April I received information from Mr. Michael Donnelly,
a principal officer in the Department of Justice, as a result of which I
spoke to my Minister and as a result I gave, forthwith, certain directions
to Mr. Donnelly and to the Commissioner, Garda Siochána.

On Saturday, 18th April 1970, I received a telphone call at my
home at 6.25 p.m. I recognised the voice of Mr. Haughey, Minister for
Finance, with which I am familiar.

Without any preliminaries he asked me if I were aware of a certain
cargo which was due to arrive at Dublin Airport on Sunday.

I replied:- "Yes, Minister".

Mr. Haughey then asked if the cargo could be let through if a
guarantee were given that it would go direct to the North.

I replied:- "No".

He then said: "I think that is a bad decision".

I made no comment.

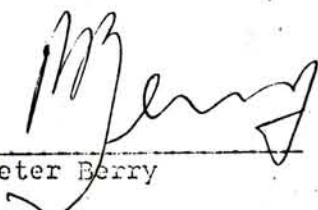After a pause he asked: "Does the man from Mayo know about this?"

I replied:- "Yes".

He then said:- "What will happen it when it arrives?"

I replied:- "it will be grabbed".

He then said:- "I had better have it called off".

Almost immediately after Mr. Haughey's conversation with me I
received a telephone call from Chief-Superintendent Malone of Garda Headquarters
giving me certain information as a result of which I gave him information
and directions.

Peter Berry

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