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FOR ANGLO-IRISH AND INFORMATION FROM THOMPSON

FOLLOWING IS EXTRACT FROM A SPEECH BY AIREY NEAVE SPEAKING TO A LUNCH TODAY OF RUISLIP NORTHWOOD WOMEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

QUOTE:
AMERICAN MONEY AND IRA ARMS
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THE RETURN OF IRA BOMBERS TO LONDON SHOULD BRING HOME TO US THAT WE HAVE BEEN AT WAR FOR MORE THAN SEVEN YEARS IN NORTHERN IRELAND. WE NEED A COOL LOOK AT OUR OBJECTIVES AND THOSE OF OUR ENEMIES. WE NEED TO EXAMINE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF EXISTING SECURITY POLICIES AND TO SET OUT A CLEAR STRATEGY.

WE MUST CONSTANTLY SEEK TO CUT DOWN THE AMOUNT OF OUTSIDE SUPPORT IN MONEY AND ARMS WHICH THE IRA RECEIVES. NOW THAT MR CARTER HAS TAKEN OFFICE AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD INSIST ON URGENT ACTION TO PREVENT AMERICAN MONEY AND ARMS REACHING THE ~~XXXX~~ IRA. THE NEW US ADMINISTRATION MUST BE MADE TO UNDERSTAND THAT SUCH REINFORCEMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST MOVEMENT ENDANGERS WESTERN INTERESTS.

THE SECURITY FORCES ARE IN NORTHERN IRELAND SEEKING TO ENFORCE THE RULE OF LAW IN PART OF THE U.K. THE OBJECTIVE OF THE TERRORISTS IS TO DETACH NORTHERN IRELAND FROM THE U K BY FORCE. THIS IS A CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY AGAINST THE DEMOCRATICALLY DECLARED WISHES OF THE VAST MAJORITY OF ITS POPULATION, AGAINST THE WISHES OF ALMOST ALL DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL PARTIES THERE, AND AGAINST THE WISHES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE IRISH REPUBLIC.

THE IRA PERSIST IN THEIR CAMPAIGN BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE THAT SOONER OR LATER THE RESOLVE OF THE BRITISH PEOPLE TO DEFEND FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY IN NORTHERN IRELAND WILL COLLAPSE, THAT TROOPS WILL BE WITHDRAWN AND NORTHERN IRELAND ABANDONED TO ITS FATE.

THEY ARE ENCOURAGED IN THIS BELIEF BY THE ACTIVITIES IN BRITAIN OF THOSE WHOM THE DALY TELEGRAPH ON 31ST JANUARY RIGHTLY DESCRIBED AS "SQUALID ADMIRERS AND MORE ACCOMPLICES" OF THE IRA IN BRITAIN. THESE ARE MEMBERS OF THE "TROOPS OUT MOVEMENT", WHO PARADE LONDON STREETS ON SUNDAYS UNDER THE PROTECTION OF BRITISH POLICE.

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THE TERRORISTS SEEM TOTALLY UNABLE TO GRASP THAT SUCH MINORITY ORGANISATIONS REPRESENT NO SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL OPINION IN THIS COUNTRY. ALL MAJOR BRITISH POLITICAL PARTIES ARE UNITED IN THEIR DETERMINATION THAT THE CAMPAIGN IN NORTHERN IRELAND MUST BE

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NOT BELIEVE OUR PEOPLE CAN BE EASILY INTIMIDATED. IN FACT IT SEEMS EVIDENT THAT THE IRA BOMBINGS IN BRITAIN ONLY STIFFEN OUR RESOLVE TO RESIST IT.

OUR STRATEGY TO DEFEAT THE IRA MUST BE, FIRST, TO MAKE CLEAR BEYOND ANY DOUBT OUR DETERMINATION TO SEE THIS CAMPAIGN THROUGH. WHILE WE MUST ACHIEVE A MAJOR DEFEAT FOR THE IRA IN 1977, IT COULD TAKE FIVE YEARS TO SEE THE END OF ORGANISED TERRORISM IN NORTHERN IRELAND.

THERE WILL REMAIN A MAJOR LAW AND ORDER PROBLEM AS THE POULATION ~~MAKES NEURBETTL~~ DOWN PARTICULARLY AMONG THE YOUNG WH KNOWN A PEACEFUL WAY OF LIFE.

BUT IF IN 1977 WE MAKE IT PLAIN THAT WE ARE ENGAGED IN A STEADY AND REMORSELESS PURSUIT OF THE GUNMEN, THAT WILL NOT DEVIATE FROM OUR RESOLVE FOR REASONS OF SHORT TERM POLITICAL EXPENDIENCY OR OFFER ANY DEALS OR TALKS, THIS YEAR WILL SEE THE BEGINNING OF THE END FOR THE IRA.

WE MUST GIVE EVERY ENCOURAGEMENT TO DEMOCRATIC POLITICIANS IN ULSTER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE POLITICAL LIFE OF THE PROVINCE. THIS INVOLVES IMAGINATION, FLEXIBILITY AND A WILLINGNESS TO LEARN FROM PAST MISTAKES ON ALL SIDES IN NORTHERN IRELAND AND AT WESTMINSTER. THE MERE REPETITION OF RIGID DOGMAS AND FIXED PAPER POSITIONS BY ANY PARTY OFFERS NO FUTURE FOR THE PEOPLE OF NORTHERN IRELAND. UNQUOTE. ||

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