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TO CANBERRA FROM HQ
FOR J CARROLL FROM KENNEDY (ANGLO-IRISH SECTION)
SUBJ:--PEACE PEOPLE AND NEW ZEALAND

THE FOLLOWING IS AN ARTICLE FROM TODAY'S "IRISH TIMES" (20 JUNE)
FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

"NEW ZEALAND PRIME MINISTER VISITS BELFAST

THE NEW ZEALAND PRIME MINISTER, MR ROBERT MULDOON, ARRIVED BY AIR IN BELFAST YESTERDAY AFTERNOON WITH HIS WIFE FOR A 24-HOUR VISIT, DURING WHICH HE WILL DISCUSS HIS COUNTRY'S OFFER TO TAKE NORTHERN IRELAND IMMIGRANTS INTO NEW ZEALAND.

MR MULDOON MET THE RUC CHIEF CONSTABLE, MR KENNETH NEWMAN, VISITED AN ARMY BASE AND HAD DINNER WITH THE MINISTER OF STATE, MR DON CONCANNON.

MR MULDOON WAS INVITED TO THE NORTH BY THE PEACE PEOPLE, ONE OF WHOSE LEADERS, MISS MAIREAD CORRIGAN, MET HIM IN NEW ZEALAND EARLY THIS YEAR.

MISS CORRIGAN SAID WHEN SHE WAS IN NEW ZEALAND RECENTLY THAT MR MULDOON HAD AGREED TO ALLOW NORTHERNERS WHO WANTED TO GET AWAY FROM PARAMILITARY INVOLVEMENT TO SETTLE IN NEW ZEALAND.

MISS CORRIGAN'S ORIGINAL INTERPRETATION OF THE NEW ZEALAND OFF AND SUBSEQUENT STATEMENTS FROM THE AUTHORITIES THERE HAVE DIFFERED CONSIDERABLY. IT NOW APPEARS THAT ONLY PEOPLE WITH NO POLICE RECORD AND MERELY FRINGE CONNECTION WITH PARAMILITARY GROUPS WILL BE GRANTED IMMIGRATION CLEARANCE.

MISS CORRIGAN SAID LAST NIGHT THAT MR MULDOON HAD COME TO THE NORTH TO DISCUSS HIS COUNTRY'S OFFER TO TAKE PEOPLE FROM THE NORTH AND TO SEE IF HE COULD HELP IN ANY OTHER WAY. IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT DURING HIS STAY HE WILL MEET PEOPLE WHO WANT TO SETTLE IN NEW ZEALAND. MOST OF MISS CORRIGAN'S FAMILY THEMSELVES HAVE ALREADY EMIGRATED THERE--INCLUDING HER BROTHER, JACKIE AND HIS WIFE ANN, THREE OF WHOSE FOUR CHILDREN KILLED LAST AUGUST IN THE INCIDENT WHICH SPARKED OFF THE PEACE MOVEMENT.

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