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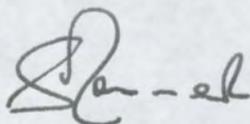
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Note

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Mr Kirby told me on a confidential basis that a very good RUC source, not one to always defend the British Army, had given him some details about the killing of Mrs. Doherty at Lifford Bridge, Strabane on 13 April.

1. The British Army was expecting an attack of some kind that night and the men were edgy.
2. It is normal practice to level weapons on a car.
3. The car was about 200 metres from the military checkpoint when the incident occurred. It was approx. 150 yards on the northern side of the border.
4. The gun went off accidentally.
5. It was, according to the RUC source, a million to one accident.



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