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32 Aberfoyle Crescent,

DERRY.

29th August, 1980

Dear Mr. Lénihan,

The following Notice of Motion was brought forward to Derry City Council and passed by a large all-party majority:-

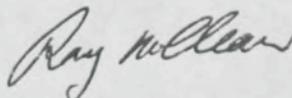
"That this Council regards the recent installation of surveillance cameras on the roof of the Rossville Street High Rise Flats as an unnecessary and increasing harassment of the tenants.

- (a) We demand the removal of this surveillance equipment immediately;
- (b) We regard the occupation of this Housing Executive property by the Security Forces as counter productive to community harmony within the area and as a consequence we should -
  - (i) Write to the Housing Executive pointing out that this squatter type occupation should end immediately,
  - (ii) Write to the G.O.C. for Northern Ireland requesting that he brings this prolonged and unnecessary occupation of Housing Executive property to an immediate end,
  - (iii) Write to the Minister of Defence at Westminster pointing out that the use of emergency legislation, which legalises this particular occupation, is causing prolonged harassment to innocent occupiers. Because of this we request that this particular misuse of emergency legislation be reviewed immediately,
  - (iv) Instruct our Public Health Department to carry out immediate and recurrent inspections of this roof top occupation to ensure that proper standards of hygiene and sewage disposal are in operation."

The army has been in occupation of the Rossville Street Flats roof top for several years and continue in occupation by virtue of emergency legislation. Despite a broad based local protest the army has refused to relinquish this occupation. I would be most grateful for any pressure you could bring to bear in assisting the residents with this serious problem.

I hope to be in Dublin in the near future and would like to discuss this matter further with you. For your information I have copied this letter to the Taoiseach, Mr. Charles Haughey.

Yours sincerely,



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