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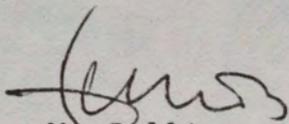
Condition of Hunger Strikers

In a response to a request from me Johnson of the British Embassy gave the following information:

McCloskey: almost totally blind and his condition is poor. No mention of ear condition. McCloskey commenced hunger strike on 3 August.

Fox: vomiting a lot, not drinking much water; a definite deterioration. Authorities are calling in a specialist to see him today and have authorised a special visit by his relatives. Fox commenced hunger strike on 24 August.

Johnson said that he did not have any information about Sheehan and McMullan.



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24 September 1981

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