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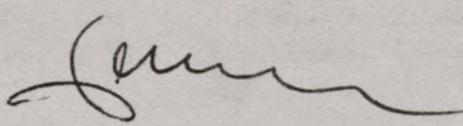
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Johnstone^A the British Embassy phoned this morning regarding the decision of Bernard Fox to come off his hunger-strike. Johnstone said that Fox had been visited yesterday afternoon by a medical professor who told him that if he did not get treatment for his kidney ailment he would be dead within a week. Fox's family also visited him yesterday afternoon. Fox said that he would like to think about it and early yesterday evening a Prison Chaplain told the Governor that Fox would like to speak to the other hunger-strikers and with McFarlane. He was permitted to do this and the meeting took about two hours from 8-10. Johnstone said that during the course of this meeting and before it was clear that Fox had taken any decision about the continuation of his hunger-strike, Sinn Fein (or the H-Blocks Committee) let it be known to the media that Fox intended to end his protest (the British apparently considered this surprising).

Following ^{his} request for treatment Fox was moved to Musgrave Park hospital at 2.20a.m.


M. Collins

25 September 1981

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