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DISTURBANCES AT BRITISH EMBASSY 18th JULY, 1981: Review of events.

Following a review by the Minister for Justice of the disturbances at the British Embassy, Merrion Road, Dublin, on Saturday the 18th July, 1981, during a demonstration in support of the hunger strikers in the H-Blocks at the Maze Prison, including

- (a) Garda reports which showed that the Gardaí had endured a constant bombardment for twenty-five minutes before reacting to the demonstrators, and that more than one hundred-and-fifty members of the Garda Síochána had been treated in hospital - some of them with very serious injuries - and
 - (b) reports by the Minister on the many favourable messages that he had received from members of the public and journalists on the behaviour of the Gardaí,
- (1) methods of dealing with propaganda efforts on behalf of the hunger strikers and their sympathisers and of preventing a recurrence of such disturbances were discussed; and
 - (2) it was agreed that the Taoiseach, the Tánaiste, the Minister for Justice, the Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Minister-designate for Foreign Affairs, with the Attorney General in attendance, should meet to consider the position further.

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