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Statement from Government Information Service

13.00 hours 7 August 1981.

The British Ambassador, Sir Leonard Figg, called today at Government Buildings at his own request. He was received by Mr. John Kelly, Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs.

The Ambassador conveyed his Government's unwillingness to make the changes in the prison regime for conforming prisoners which were requested by the Irish Government two days ago.

The Government regrets that the British authorities did not find it possible to adopt a suggestion which seemed to it to be constructive and practicable, and to involve no sacrifice of principle.