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Re: Shooting of R.U.C. Sergeant at Enniskillen on
3.3.1985.

At 10.20 a.m. on Sunday 3.3.1985 Sergeant Hugh McCormack, R.U.C. Enniskillen was shot dead at The Grann, Enniskillen, while attending Mass.

On receipt of the message concerning the shooting Gardai in Manorhamilton District under Superintendent J.F. Meehan set up check points at Lima 61 (Aughavanny) and Lima 66 (Askill). Lima 61 and Lima 66 are on roads leading from Northern Ireland to the State. These checkpoints consisted of uniformed Gardai backed up by S/Branch Members. These roads which were cratered have been repaired and are now passable to vehicular traffic. As a result of these check points and the permanent Garda/Army checkpoint at Blacklion all roads leading from the Manorhamilton District into Northern Ireland were manned.

A vehicle used in the attack was described as a red Mark IV Cortina Reg. No. CIL 5848 was located in Northern Ireland at Map Reference O14 - 433. It was located on a lane leading from the Garrison to Aughavanny road (Lima 61) to the frontier.

It was established that this vehicle had been stolen from Belturbet, Co. Cavan between 9.30 p.m. and 10.30 p.m. on the 25.2.1985. The correct number of this vehicle is 8703 ID. It is the property of Michael Gardiner, The Commons, Belturbet, Co. Cavan.

In addition to the check points a Garda/Army search under Supt. J.F. Meehan, Manorhamilton, was mounted. The search was effected immediately to information being received on the 3.3.1985. The area searched was from Corraclona which is at the tip of Lough McNea and Lima 64 which is known as Kilcoo. This would have covered the Border on the Southern side opposite that where 8703 ID was located on the Northern side.

On the 4.4.1985 a similar search party again under the control of Supt. J.F. Meehan, Manorhamilton searched the Border from Lima 64 Kilcoo to Lima 65 (Doard) .

The aforementioned searches also took in a search of vacant

search of vacant/

houses on route with negative results.

The Grid Reference 014 - 433 at which the vehicle was found would appear to be in the townland of Tullyrossmeenan in Northern Ireland and is about 1/2 mile from the Border.

Enquiries in the area failed to reveal any information which would suggest that the perpetrators of the crime crossed into the Republic but they may have done so.

Forwarded for your information, please.

T.J. Hughes
(T.J. Hughes)

Supt.

Commissioner 'D'

Forwarded for your information.

There is nothing concrete, beyond the finding of the Cortina Car close to Lime 61 (Aughavanny), that the culprits crossed the border in this Division, though one must consider it as a strong possibility. Both unapproved crossings at Lime 61 and Lime 66 receive constant attention from mobile patrols and checkpoints are being constantly operated there on a staggered basis. Indications at the moment are that both roads will once again be made impassable by the Northern Security Forces in the near future.

I am satisfied that we are doing all we can to prevent cross border attacks at our end.

*No host has
no indicated
to us. Justice
report made on
our request
emerged no
public reaction*

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An interesting report from the Gardaí
regarding an incident at Lackey Bridge

Jan 29/3

RE: Alleged shooting at British Army lookout post
near Lackey Bridge (L.17C) on 18th March, 1985

Attached copy of report dated 22nd March, 1985
received from acting Divisional Officer, Monaghan
relative to above, is forwarded for your information.

Any further developments will be reported.

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This report suggests that a recent shooting incident
at Lackey Bridge is a British Army "Concoction"

Deirdre O'Sullivan

2 April 85

cc: Mr. Jansen