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Roinn an Taoisigh
Department of the Taoiseach

22 August, 1986.

Private Secretary,
Minister for Justice.

Dear Private Secretary,

I enclose a copy of a letter which the Taoiseach has received from Councillor Arthur Carville, Castleblaney, Co. Monaghan urging that the Garda Station in Clontibret be manned on a 24 hour basis. It would be appreciated if your Department would advise as to the appropriate reply which the Taoiseach might send to this letter.

Yours sincerely,

Brian McCarthy.

W. J. Conaghan
per Mr J. B. F.
on 1/9/86.

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19 August, 1986.

Mr. Arthur Carville, M.C.C.,
Annyalla,
Castleblayney,
Co. Monaghan.

Dear Mr. Carville,

Thank you for your letter of 11th August, 1986 addressed to the Taoiseach, Dr. Garret FitzGerald, T.D., following the recent incident at Clontibret. Your suggestion will be brought to the Taoiseach's attention on his return from holidays.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. B. McCarthy.

Seamus Shaw
Private Secretary
to the Taoiseach.

For your attention and the preparation of a suitable reply for the Taoiseach's signature in this case.

Tel. 042-40560.

Annyalla,
Castleblayney,
Co. Monaghan.

August 11 1986.

Dr. Garret FitzGerald, T.D.
Roinn An Taoisigh,
Merrion Street,
Dublin 2.

Dear Garret,

You are, no doubt, fully informed of the circumstances surrounding the recent Loyalist "invasion" of Clontibret. As the local County Councillor, I write to you regarding an aspect of the incident.

The Garda Sub-District of Clontibret covers the areas of Clontibret, Annyalla, Scotch Corner, Castleshane and part of Tyholland. Some 90% of this area involves Border terrain which must be patrolled. This is in addition to the Gardai's community police work. The recent attack on the station demonstrates its vulnerability. It is the belief of many in the locality that the station should be manned on a 24 hour basis. This would have the effect of preventing further attacks and improve overall security in the area.

I have written, in a similar tone, to the Minister for Justice Mr. Dukes. I ask both of you to give favorable consideration to this request in the light of recent events and the facts stated above.

Kind personal regards.

Yours sincerely,

Arthur Carville
ARTHUR CARVILLE, M.C.C.