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Mr. O'Donovan,

Note  
we are checking:  
was Robinson marked? carrying a  
wedge? leading or involved in the  
onset and/or the attack on the barracks?

Arrest of Peter Robinson at Clontibret

We understand  
he stated he was an  
observer simply of the  
state of security  
cooperation

1. Noel Ryan phoned at 9.45 a.m. to say that the Department of Justice has received a preliminary report on last night's incident from the Guards in Monaghan. The substance of this report, which follows, has been conveyed to the Secretariat.
2. At about 2 a.m. the RUC in Armagh contacted the Gardai in Monaghan to inform them that a group of suspected loyalist paramilitaries might attempt to cross the border. This crossing occurred near Clontibret where there is a small Garda Station which is unmanned at night. Gardai at Monaghan alerted patrols in the area and two squad cars containing 2 guards and 2 detectives confronted the crowd at Clontibret. The two guards were attacked and badly hurt by the mob. The detectives fired shots into the air and the mob dispersed.
3. The circumstances surrounding the arrest of Robinson are very unclear. He is likely to be charged later today at the District Court in Monaghan with causing malicious damage. Because the case is unlikely to be heard today, however, he will probably be remanded on bail and a date set for the hearing. If bail is refused, Robinson could appeal to the High Court.
4. Malicious damage is a scheduled offence under the Offences against the State Act.

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*Niall Burgess*

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7 August 1986.

c.c'd Mr. O Tuathail ✓  
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Mr. Barry ✓

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MESSAGE FROM MONAGHAN.  
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AT 1AM APPROXIMATELY ON THE 7/8/86, A TELEPHONE CALL WAS RECEIVED AT MONAGHAN GARDA STATION FROM THE R.U.C IN ARMAGH THAT THEY HAD INFORMATION THAT LOYALISTS MIGHT PARADE IN SOME VILLAGE ON THIS SIDE OF THE BORDER BETWEEN THIS DATE AND FRIDAY THE 8TH INSTANCE.

ON RECEIPT OF ABOVE INFORMATION GARDAI, ACCOMPANIED BY THE ARMY OR ARMED DETECTIVES, WERE DETAILED FOR DUTY IN EACH TOWN AND VILLAGE IN CO. MONAGHAN.

AT 2AM ON THE 7/8/86, GARDAI CARTY AND O'HARA FROM MONAGHAN STATION, BACKED UP BY D/SGT HUNT, D/GDAI WALSH AND GREY WERE DRIVING INTO CLONTIBRET VILLAGE IN TWO PATROL CARS WHEN IN THE VICINITY OF THE GARDA STATION THEY WERE CONFRONTED BY A LARGE CROWD OF MEN WHO HAD BLOCKED THE MAIN MONAGHAN / CASTLEBLAYNEY ROAD. THE TWO PATROL CARS STOPPED AND THE MEMBERS GOT OUT AND APPROACHED THE MEN. A MELEE ENSUED AND THE TWO UNIFORMED MEMBERS WERE ATTACKED VOILENTLY BY THE MEN ON THE ROAD WHO WERE YIELDING CUDGELS AND STICKS. THE GARDAI ESTIMATED THAT THERE WAS IN EXCESS OF 150 MEN PRESENT ON THE ROADWAY. THE CROWD ALSO ATTACKED AND DAMAGED THE MARKED PATROL CAR. THE UNIFORM MEMBERS RETREATED TO THE PATROL CAR AND WERE CONTINUALLY BEING ATTACKED BY THE CROWD. AT THIS ZZZZZZ POINT A NUMBER OF SHOTS WERE FIRED BY THE D/BANCH PERSONELL OVER THE HEADS OF THE ADVANCING MOB, AT WHICH POINT THEY IMMEDIATLY RAN TOWARDS THE BORDER. THEY GOT INTO WAITING CARS AND DROVE OFF TOWARDS THE ARMAGH BORDER. THE DETECTIVES GAVE CHASE AND ONE MEN WAS ARRESTED UNDER SECTION 300.A.S.A 1939. THE TIME OF ARREST WAS ZZZ 2.10AM.

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THE PERSON ARRESTED GAVE HIS NAME AS PETER DAVID ROBINSON, 51, GRUNSHA RD, DUNDONALD, BELFAST. HIS D.O.B IS 29/12/48. THE PLACE OF ARREST WAS GALLAGH, CLONTIBRET, CO. MONAGHAN. THE ARRESTING MEMBER WAS D/SGT HUNT, MONAGHAN. HE WAS TAKEN BY PATROL CAR TO MONAGHAN GARDA STATION ARRIVING THERE AT 2.30AM. HE IS PRESENTLY DETAINED AT MONAGHAN GARDA STATION HE HAS BEEN QUESTIONED UNDER SECTION 52 OF THE OFFENCES AGAINST STATE ACT 1939.

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DURING THE MELEE MISSILES WERE THROWN AT CLONTIBRET GARDA STATION WHICH WAS UNMANNED AT THE TIME AND DAMAGEZ WAS CAUSED TO THE EXTERIOR OF THE STATION. A SLOCAN WAS PAINTED ON THE FRONT OF THE STATION. A MOTOR CAR, BELONGING TO A PASSING MOTORIST, WHO APPROACHED FROM THE CASTLEBLAYNEY DIRECTION, HAD ITS WINDSCREEN BROKEN BY THE MOB.

EXTRA PATROLS ARE BEING MANTAINED AND WILL BE MAINTAINED UNTIL THE TERMINATION OF THE APPRENTICE BOYS PARADE IN KEADY, CO. ARMAGH ON FRIDAY THE 18TH INSTANCE. SCENE OF THE INCIDENT IS BEING PRESERVED.

SENDER T. CURREN SUPT.  
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\* Power to arrest without a warrant  
# Power to question as to movements etc