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GOVERNMENT STATEMENT

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The Government have learned with great regret and disappointment of the decision of the Court of Appeal in London to maintain the convictions and sentences of Patrick Hill, Hugh Callaghan, John Walker, Richard McIlkenny, Gerard Hunter and Billy Power. Today's judgement has not removed the serious concern which has been consistently expressed by the Government, and conveyed by them to the British authorities, that there may have been a miscarriage of justice in these cases. This is a concern which is shared right across the political and legal spectrum in both Ireland and Britain.

The Government note that Counsel for the appellants have sought leave to appeal to the House of Lords. In the light of this request the Government will withhold further comment until this issue is decided.

28th January, 1988.