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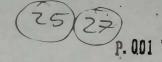
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THIRTEEN MONTHS AGO THE IRA ANNOUUNCED A COMPLETE CESSATION OF MILITARY OPERATIONS. WE DID SO TO ENHANCE THE OPPORTUNITY WHICH EXISTED, AT THAT TIME, GIVEN POLITICAL WILL ON ALL SIDES, FOR THE REALISATION OF A JUST AND LASTING SETTLEMENT.

WE WISH SINN FEIN EVERY SUCCESS IN ITS CURRENT EFFORTS TO BREAK THE IMPASSE Created by the British Government's New and Unreasonable Demand for a Handing OVER OF IRA WEAPONS.

THE ENTIRE DECOMMISSIONS ISSUE IS A DELIBERATE DISTRACTION AND STALLING TACTIC BY A BRITISH COVERNMENT ACTING IN BAD FAITH.

John Major & Governed trow enough of Anglo Irish Hisotry to understand that THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY OF DISARMAMIN'S EXCEPT AS PART OF NEGOTIATED SETTLEHEND. GIVEN THAT HISTORY AND THE REALITY THAT THEY AND THEIR LOYALIST DEATH SOUAD ALLIES HOLD. THE LARGEST STOCK OF LICENSED AND UNLICENSED WEAPONS THE DEMAND FOR AN 1RA HAND OVER OF WEAPONS ID LUDRICOUS.

THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY OF THE IRA MEETING THESE DEMANDS.

THE STATEMENT WAS SIGNED PO'NEILL, IRISH REPUBLICAN BURRAU, DUBLIN.