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FURTHER COMPLAINTS BY MR MAGUIRE

1. On 18 October Mr Maguire signed a further letter to the Secretary of State in which he makes familiar allegations about conditions in the H Blocks. The letter (flag 'A') bears the unmistakably intemperate hallmarks of Father Faul. We have ignored the porcine references.
2. The Governor at Maze has once more fully investigated these allegations and the Minister will not be surprised to learn that they appear baseless (flag 'B'). Contrary to republican claims the food is in sufficient quantity and of good quality. As for the lurid descriptions of prisoners being beaten up, it seems that this is merely part of the continuing propaganda against the close body search. The prisoners concerned have made no complaints and do not wish to make any.
3. Our suggested reply is appropriately brief.

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