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ALLEGATIONS BY FRANK MAGUIRE, MP, ABOUT PRISON CONDITIONS

1. This is another chronicle of alleged assaults and threatening prophecies which, while it is signed by Mr Maguire, <sup>appears to be</sup> ~~is~~ the work of Father Faul (Flag A). The letter is evidently part of the renewed propaganda assault being mounted on the H Block issue.
2. The allegations of ill-treatment to 2 protesting prisoners have been fully investigated by the Governor and once again they have been found to be completely groundless (Flag B). A reply has already been sent to the father of one of these prisoners from the Governor giving the true position (Flag C).
3. As regards the prophecies made by Mr Maguire in the latter part of his letter, the Minister will already be aware of the possibilities of a hunger strike and of the other rumoured action.
4. An appropriate draft reply is attached for the Minister's signature.

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