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SMUGGLED LETTER FROM W J MULLAN - LOYALIST HUNGER STRIKE

(COPY ATTACHED)

This letter from W J Mullan is important in that it shows how little intention the loyalists have of carrying their hunger strike to any serious lengths - there is 'no way we are going to die' and we 'hope to get it over with by Christmas'. The letter was apparently intercepted on a visit being taken by Prisoner Dodds (another future hunger striker). W J Mullan appears to be the leader of the Loyalist hunger strikers and today informed the Governor that the following prisoners would be going on the strike tomorrow:-

W J Mullan	-	life
S Courtney	-	8 years
M Dodds	-	life
W Dodds	-	10 years
N Earle	-	life
T Andrews	-	life

All are UDA affiliated.



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