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ADVANCE NOTIFICATION TO NORTHERN IRELAND MPs OF MINISTERIAL VISITS

I attach a copy of a letter to the Secretary of State for Defence from Mr Ken Maginnis, MP for Fermanagh and South Tyrone, dated 10 April, a copy of which we have only recently received. The office of the Secretary of State have asked for advice and contribution to a draft reply, which I should be most grateful if you could kindly provide.

It may be helpful if I set out some of the relevant factors. On the one hand, the position as regards notification of Northern Ireland MPs of Northern Ireland Ministerial visits remains, as I understand it, as set out in Mr Cleasby's minute of 27 November 1985 - "MPs representing Northern Ireland constituencies should not be given any advance notification of ministerial engagements undertaken within their constituencies."

On the other hand, Ministers are constantly being enjoined to make sure when they visit MPs' constituencies within the United Kingdom to remember that it is customary to inform the Member concerned. (The most recent guidance came from Cabinet Office on 31 March; a copy is available in this office.)

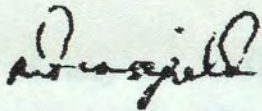
These two pieces of guidance clearly do not sit easily with each other. The difficulty is the greater when there is a significant security element to the visit, as in this case. This would suggest that it might perhaps be helpful for us to try to draw up (in consultation, if appropriate) guidance for the benefit of selected Whitehall Private Offices.

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The Secretary of State has seen Mr Maginnis' letter. He has made the point that in addition to liaising with the Ministry of Defence, the indivisibility of Government should be stressed. The running should not be left to individual MPs. To try to make distinctions between Government Ministers.

One further point I should make, after discussion with Mr Blackwell, is that I understand that it is HQMI's practice, for visits of this sort, not to give the MP advance notification.

In view of the passage of time since Mr Maginnis' letter was written, I should be most grateful for a response by 1 May, if at all possible please.



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24 April 19087

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10 April, 1987.

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① L. 13/4 7.5 (A. 1/1)
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Mr. Innes
Mr. Alcock
Mr. Dell

② 13/4 1.5 (A. 1/1)

Dear

I was astounded and not a little angered to discover that you had paid an official visit to my constituency of Fermanagh & South Tyrone without having observed the common courtesy of letting me know that you intended to do so.

I really cannot comprehend why you should presume that what would be considered to be a gross affront towards a fellow Member in Great Britain should be deemed to be less so in this part of the United Kingdom.

While your colleagues in the Northern Ireland Office administer Ulster in joint consultation with the Government of the Irish Republic, ignoring the democratically expressed wishes of the majority of the community, they are unwelcome in my constituency.

However, I have never indulged in any unseemly behaviour towards these Ministers and generally ignore their furtive expeditions to the area I am elected to represent. Your visit has much greater significance and your undoubted knowledge of Northern Ireland would have told you so. Or has the NIO been deliberately deceitful on this issue?

Whatever the reasons, I am disappointed that such insensitivity should be shown to any fellow Member. It is always good to see a visitor like yourself put on the UDR beret to identify, even briefly, with the Regiment (and my constituents) but you might like to reflect on the fact that I wore that beret proudly for over 11 years. Often, I felt that those in your present position had little appreciation of the 24 hours/day, 7 days/week, year after year implications of doing so.

Many, like you, have come and gone but we have not found ourselves any better off. Can you offer me any more hope? Since I was elected to Parliament in 1983 I have lost 31 constituents at the hands of terrorists, bringing to 181 the total of such murders in my constituency. Can you begin to appreciate what this means or how you would feel, in different circumstances, if I were Secretary of State for Defence and the victims were your constituents in Ayr?

I regret having to write to you in this manner and acknowledge

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that some of the blame for the discourtesy must lie with the GOC and Commander UDR. They should have known to advise you more precisely in order to compensate for the "Colonial" attitude of the NIO.

Perhaps you can now assure me that this type of incident will not occur again while I am the Member for Fermanagh & South Tyrone. If so, then I would be happy to meet you to discuss, further, Security along the Frontier and throughout the area I represent. I enclose some details which you may find useful.

Yours sincerely,

Copied to:- The GOC Northern Ireland
Commander UDR
The PUS, Northern Ireland Office

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**TERRORIST MURDERS IN FERMANAGH & SOUTH TYRONE
(1971 to date)**

09/02/71	John Eakins(52)	Brougher TV mast	IRA
09/02/71	T George Beck(43)	Brougher TV mast	IRA
09/02/71	Harold Edgar(26)	Brougher TV mast	IRA
09/02/71	Malcolm D Henson(24)	Brougher TV mast	IRA
09/02/71	WA(Bill) Thomas(35)	Brougher TV mast	IRA
03/09/71	FW Robert P Veitch(23)	nr Kinawley	IRA
14/09/71	John Rudman(21)	Edendork	IRA
28/10/71	David F Powell(22)	nr Kinawley	IRA
07/12/71	Denis Wilson(31S)	Ballagh, Caledon	IRA
13/02/72	Thomas F McCann(19)	nr Newtownbutler	IRA
01/03/72	Thomas J Fletcher(43M)	nr Belcoo	IRA
15/03/72	Billy Logan(23S) (D o I rec.)	Coalisland	IRA
20/05/72	Harry Gillespie(32S)	nr Dungannon	IRA
02/06/72	Victor Husband(23)	nr Rosslea	IRA
02/06/72	Brian Robertson(23)	nr Rosslea	IRA
08/06/72	Samuel Donegan	nr Newtownbutler	IRA
07/08/72	Harry Creighton(27)	Magheraveely	IRA
07/08/72	Errol L Gordon	nr Lisnaskea	IRA
07/08/72	David Wynne	nr Lisnaskea	IRA
25/08/72	James H Eames(33)	nr Enniskillen	IRA
25/08/72	Alfred Johnston(32)	nr Enniskillen	IRA
28/08/72	William H Trotter	nr Newtownbutler	IRA
10/09/72	Wm A McIntyre(23)	nr Eglish	IRA
10/09/72	Douglas Richmond(21)	nr Eglish	IRA
10/09/72	Duncan McPhee(21)	nr Eglish	IRA

10/04/74	Geo. Saunderson(57)		nr Teemore	IRA
11/04/74	Harold Sinnamon(34)		Dungannon	IRA
11/04/74	Norman W McKenzie(25)		nr Lisnaskea	IRA
21/04/74	James Murphy(42)		Enniskillen	PROT
02/05/74	Eva Martin(28)		Clogher	IRA
07/05/74	James Devlin	RC	nr Dungannon	PROT
07/05/74	Gertie Devlin	RC	nr Dungannon	PROT
04/06/74	Fred Dick		Dungannon	IRA
10/08/74	Patrick Kelly(33)	RC	Fermanagh	PROT
23/08/74	Wm Hutchinson(29)		nr Dungannon	IRA
07/09/74	Mary Bingham(59)		Dungannon	IRA
20/11/74	Joseph Falls	RC	nr Coalisland	PROT
02/12/74	John A Maddocks		nr Gortmullan	IRA
31/01/75	Geo. Coulter(43N)		Donaghmore	IRA
07/02/75	Wm. Robson(22)		nr Kinawley	IRA
11/02/75	Chris Mein(25)		Galbally	IRA
11/04/75	Owen Boyle	RC	nr Aughnacloy	PROT
21/04/75	Michael McKenna(29)	RC	nr Castlecaulfield	PROT
21/04/75	Seamus McKenna(21)	RC	nr Castlecaulfield	PROT
21/04/75	Marian Bowen(21)	RC	nr Castlecaulfield	PROT
27/05/75	Patrick O'Reilly	RC	nr Irvinestown	PROT
01/06/75	Mgt. Eliz. Kilfedder		Garrison	IRA
02/08/75	George McCall		Moy	IRA
23/10/75	Peter McKearney	RC	nr Moy	PROT
23/10/75	Jane McKearney	RC	nr Moy	PROT
06/11/75	Stanley Irwin(26)		nr Benburb	IRA
25/11/75	Paddy Maxwell(36M)	RC	Clonavaddy	IRA

29/04/77	Eric Shiells		Dungannon	IRA
12/05/77	Douglas Deering		Rosslea	IRA
20/05/77	Bobby North(W)		nr Denburb	IRA
03/07/77	Denis Quinn	RC	Coalisland	IRA
06/07/77	Dave Morrow(H)		Aughnacloy	IRA
24/09/77	Bob Bloomer (D o I rec.)		Eglish, Dungannon	IRA
12/10/77	Frank Canavan	RC	nr Ballygawley	IRA
19/07/78	Hark D Carnie		Dungannon	IRA
21/08/78	Patrick Fee		nr Tullyrossmearan	IRA
15/04/79	Michael Cassidy	RC	nr Clogher	IRA
29/04/79	Sam Gibson		nr Coalisland	IRA
06/05/79	George Haughan		Lisnaskea	IRA
06/05/79	Norman Prue		Lisnaskea	IRA
19/05/79	John McClenaghan		Garrison	IRA
17/07/79	Sylvia L Crowe		Rosslea	IRA
15/10/79	Herbert G Kernaghan		Rosslea	IRA
30/10/79	Fred Irwin		Dungannon	IRA
16/12/79	Keith C Richards		nr Dungannon	IRA
16/12/79	Alan D Ayrton		nr Dungannon	IRA
16/12/79	Wm John Beck		nr Dungannon	IRA
16/12/79	Simon P Evans		nr Dungannon	IRA
22/12/79	Stanley Hazelton(M)		Co Monaghan	IRA
03/01/80	Rbt. Jas. Crilly		Newtownbutler	IRA
05/02/80	Aubrey A Abercrombie		nr Florencecourt	IRA
11/02/80	Winston Howe		Rosslea	IRA
11/02/80	Joseph Rose		Rosslea	IRA
17/04/80	Victor Horrow		nr Newtownbutler	IRA

18/05/84	Thos. H Agar		Enniskillen	IRA
07/09/84	Robert Bennett		Dungannon	IRA
07/09/84	Malcolm Cullen		Dungannon	IRA
08/10/84	Melvin Simpson		Dungannon	IRA
19/10/84	Fred Jackson		Taanamore	IRA
19/10/84	Peter W Gallimore (D & I rec. 18/05/84)		Enniskillen	IRA
01/02/85	Jimmy Graham(M)		Derrylin	IRA
03/03/85	Hugh McCormac(M)	RC	nr Enniskillen	IRA
08/04/85	Martin Love(21S)	RC	Enniskillen	Prot
21/06/85	Robert Gilliland(M)		Kinawley	IRA
20/08/85	Seamus McAvoy	RC	in Dublin	IRA

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07/12/85	George Gilliland(34M)		Ballygawley	IRA(gsw)
07/12/85	Wm James Clements(52M)		Ballygawley	IRA(gsw)
03/02/86	John Early(22S)	RC	Belcoo	IRA(exp)
11/02/86	Derek Breen(29M)		Maguiresbridge	IRA(gsw)
11/02/86	John McCabe(25M)	RC	Maguiresbridge	IRA(gsw)
17/05/86	David Wilson(39M)		Donaghmore	IRA(gsw)
08/07/86	John McVitty(46M)		nr Rosalea	IRA(gsw)
06/10/86	Martin Blaney(27S)		Eglisk	IRA(gsw)
09/01/87	Ivan Crawford(49M)		Enniskillen	IRA(exp)
29/01/87	George Shaw(57M)		Dungannon	IRA(gsw)
03/04/87	Jim Oldman(39S)		Ederney	IRA(gsw)

At 26 January, 1987 Convictions for Murder have been achieved:-

2 (67%) out of 3 murders by the Regular Army.

11 (50%) out of 22 murders by Protestants(Loyalists).

14 (9%) out of 156 murders by Roman Catholics(Republicans).

**TERRORIST MURDERS during 1 year since the signing of the
ANGLO/IRISH DIKTAT (15/11/85 - 14/11/86 inclusive).**

15/11/85	David Hanson(24)		Crossmaglen	IRA(exp)
18/11/85	Robert Boyd(55)	RC	L'derry	IRA(gsw)
21/11/85	Kurt Konnig(40)	RC	L'derry	IRA(gsw)
29/11/85	Gordon Hanna(46)		Kilkeel	IRA(exp)
30/11/85	Edward Taggart(19)	RC	Divis	IRA(gsw)
07/12/85	Geo. Gilliland(34M)		Ballygawley	IRA(gsw)
07/12/85	Billy Clements(52M)		Ballygawley	IRA(gsw)
01/01/86	Andrew McCandless(38M)		Armagh City	IRA(exp)
01/01/86	Michael Williams(24M)		Armagh City	IRA(exp)
15/01/86	Victor Foster(18)		Castlederg	IRA(exp)
31/01/86	Martin Quinn(34)	RC	Whiteabbey	PROT(gsw)
03/02/86	John Early(22S)	RC	Belcoo	IRA(exp)
11/02/86	Derek Breen(29M)		Maguiresbridge	IRA(gsw)
11/02/86	John McCabe(25M)	RC	Maguiresbridge	IRA(gsw)
15/03/86	John O'Neill(25)	RC	Carrs Glen	PROT(btd)
18/03/86	David Mulley(20)		Castlewellan	IRA(exp)
26/03/86	Thomas Irwin(52M)		nr Omagh	IRA(gsw)
08/04/86	Wm. Pollock(27)		Castlederg	IRA(exp)
23/04/86	James Hazlett(54)		Newcastle	IRA(gsw)
07/05/86	Mgt. Caulfield(29M)	P/MM	Ballysillen	PROT(gsw)
06/05/86	Mark Frizzell(17S) (D O I rec. 03/05/86)		Short Strand	IRA(btd)
15/05/86	Herbert McConville(60M)		Newry	IRA(gsw)
17/05/86	David Wilson(39M)		Donaghmore	IRA(gsw)
20/05/86	Colm McKevitt(30S)	RC	Killeen	IRA(gsw)
22/05/86	L'rence Smyth(25S)	RC	Crossmaglen	IRA(exp)

06/10/86	Martin Blaney(27S)	Eglissh	IRA(gsw)
11/10/86	Desmond Dobbin(42M)	Belfast	IRA(exp)
16/10/86	Terence Mullan(31?) RC	Ballynahinch	UFF(gsw)
16/10/86	Kathleen Mullan(75M)RC	Ballynahinch	UFF(gsw)
18/10/86	Billy Dickson(39M)	Belfast	Prot(gsw)
24/10/86	Kenneth Johnston(25M)	Magherafelt	IRA(gsw)
10/11/86	Derek Patterson(39M)	Belfast	IRA(gsw)

 58 murders = 46 by ROMAN CATHOLIC(Republican) terror groups
 + 12 by PROTESTANT(Loyalist) terror groups.

R C victims....21 = 11 by Republicans and 10 by Loyalists.

Prot. victims..37 = 35 by Republicans and 2 by Loyalists.

Murders by Roman Catholics = 79.3%

Murders by Protestants = 20.7%

Security Forces victims..29 = 29 by Republicans and Nil by Loyalists.

Civilian victims.....29 = 17 by Republicans and 12 by Loyalists.

Murders by Roman Catholics = 100.0% of Security Forces
 58.6% of Civilians.

Murders by Protestants = No Security Forces
 41.4% of Civilians

(gsw).....gunshot wound/s
 (exp).....explosion
 (btd).....beaten to death
 (std).....stabbed to death

TERRORIST MURDERS since 1st anniversary of ANGLO/IRISH DIKTAT (15/11/86)

09/12/86	Peter Bradley(30M) RC/MM (DoI received 06/12/86)	Lisburn	Prot(btd)
12/12/86	Desmond Caldwell(44M)	Castlederg	IRA(exp)
21/12/86	Thomas McCartan(32M)RC	Belfast	INLA(gsw)
09/01/87	Ivan Crawford(49M)	Enniskillen	IRA(exp)
26/01/87	George Shaw(57M)	Dungannon	IRA(gsw)
05/02/87	Tony McCloskey(32M) RC	Middletown	INLA(gsw)
09/02/87	Iris Farley(72W) (DoI received 01/01/87)	Markethill	IRA(gsw)
11/02/87	Nigel Watton(18S)	Ballymoney	UVF(gsw)
07/03/87	Thomas Maguire(19M)	Newry	INLA(gsw)
18/02/87	Michael Kearney(33M)RC	Belfast	INLA(gsw)
10/03/87	Peter Nesbitt(32S)	Belfast	IRA(exp)
13/03/87	Fergus Conlon(35M) RC	Newry	INLA(gsw)
13/03/87	John Chambers(57M)	Rostrevor	IRA(gsw)
14/03/87	Tony McCarthy(33M) RC	Belfast	INLA(gsw)
14/03/87	Gerard Steenson(29S)RC	Belfast	INLA(gsw)
21/03/87	Emmanuel Gargan(25S)RC	Belfast	INLA(gsw)
22/03/87	Barry Duffy(20S) RC	Armagh	INLA(gsw)
23/03/87	Austin Wilson(35M)	Londonderry	IRA(exp)
23/03/87	John Bennison(41M)	Londonderry	IRA(exp)
23/03/87	Leslie Jarvis(63M)	Londonderry	IRA(gsw)
30/03/87	Iain J O'Connor(23S)RC	Belfast	IRA(exp)
02/04/87	Larry Marley(41M) RC	Belfast	UVF(gsw)
03/04/87	James Oldman(39S)	Ederney	IRA(gsw)
03/04/87	George Shaw(51M)	Ballynahinch	IRA(gsw)
11/04/87	Robert McLean(44M)	Portrush	IRA(gsw)
11/04/87	Frederick Armstrong(40M)	Portrush	IRA(gsw)
13/04/87	Identity unknown at this time	Killeen	IRA(gsw)