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RECORD OF A TELEPHONE MESSAGE FROM \* *~~~~~* \* A NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICIAL, ON SATURDAY 4 JULY 1981

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\* *~~~~~* \* reported, at the request of Stephen Boyd-Smith of NIO, the following points of a "statement" phoned to

\* *~~~~~* \* two hours after the Alison/ICJP meeting.

1. The prisoners were winning.
2. Public opinion was swinging in their favour.
3. There was no discrepancy between the prisoners and their supporters outside.
4. The prisoners realised that not all the five demands would be achieved.
5. Firm guarantees were required by HMG before the prisoners considered a "move".
6. Denegated the ICJP, saying no intermediaries would be accepted.

\* *~~~~~* \* then gave his opinion on the above.

- a) Points 1-3 were propaganda and not true.
- b) He thought that 3 or even 2 of the demands would achieve a result, but the aspect of the prisoners having their own clothes was vital.
- c) He thought the major problem was that both the prisoners and HMG were waiting for each other to make the first move - stand off?

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