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M I P T 2 : HUGHES' DEATH: DEMONSTRATIONS IN DUBLIN.

1. A GROUP OF DEMONSTRATORS CONVENED AT THE G P O IN O'CONNELL STREET LAST NIGHT AND MARCHED , VIA THE DAIL, TO THE CHANCERY SHORTLY AFTER 9 PM WHERE THEY THREW STONES AND BOTTLES AT THE GARDA AND THE CHANCERY. A SMALL NUMBER OF GARDA WERE INJURED AND WERE TAKEN TO HOSPITAL. ONE CHANCERY WINDOW WAS BROKEN.

2. ABOUT 50 GARDA ON DUTY AT CHANCERY BEFORE THE DEMONSTRATION BEGAN WERE REINFORCED BY AT LEAST ANOTHER 100 MEN. SOON AFTER THE CROWD STARTED THROWING MISSILES THE GARDA BATON CHARGED THE CROWD AND DISPERSED THEM. THE CROWD, PURSUED BY GARDA, SMASHED SHOP WINDOWS ON THEIR WAY BACK INTO THE CENTRE OF DUBLIN. SOME FURTHER DAMAGE WAS CAUSED IN TOWN BUT THIS CEASED IN THE EARLY HOURS OF THIS MORNING.

3. I HAVE WRITTEN THE GARDA COMMISSIONER TO THANK HIM FOR THE PROTECTION GIVEN TO THE CHANCERY.

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MY TELNO 153 HUGHES' DEATH; STATEMENT BY TAOISEACH.
1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE STATEMENT ISSUED ON 12 MAY FOLLOWING
THE DEATH OF FRANCIS HUGHES:

BEGINS

THE HUGHES FAMILY OF BELLAGHY HAVE NOW JOINED THE MANY FAMILIES
WHO HAVE SUFFERED BEREAVEMENT OR INJURY IN NORTHERN IRELAND.
TO ALL OF THEM I EXTEND MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY. THE LATEST DEATH
IN THE H BLOCKS DEMANDS WITH EVER GREATER URGENCY THAN EVER A
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DEATHS CONTINUING, EVEN BEFORE THE FIRST HUNGER STRIKE AT THE
H BLOCKS BEGAN AND SINCE THE PRESENT HUNGER STRIKE WAS PROPOSED,
I HAVE CONSTANTLY MADE KNOWN TO THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT THE DEEP
CONCERN AND ANXIETY FELT BY THE IRISH GOVERNMENT AT THE
DEVELOPING AND HIGHLY DANGEROUS SITUATION AS WE SAW IT, AND
EMPHASISING THE NEED TO FIND A HUMANITARIAN SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM.
I HAVE AGAIN CONVEYED THAT CONCERN AND ANXIETY TO THE BRITISH
GOVERNMENT, I HAVE ALSO CONVEYED MY VIEW TO THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION
OF HUMAN RIGHTS THAT THEIR INVOLVEMENT COULD CONTRIBUTE TO A
SOLUTION. A SOLUTION MUST BE FOUND BUT IT CAN ONLY BE FOUND IF ALL
THOSE INVOLVED DECIDE IN THE NAME OF HUMANITY THAT IT MUST BE.
THE TRAGIC EVENTS OF RECENT WEEKS HAVE CONFIRMED ONCE MORE THAT
NORTHERN IRELAND AS AT PRESENT CONSTITUTED IS NO LONGER A VIABLE
POLITICAL ENTITY. A NEW POLITICAL ARRANGEMENT IS THE ONLY POSSIBLE
WAY FORWARD TO PEACE. A POLITICAL SOLUTION ACCEPTABLE TO ALL IS
THE ONLY MEANS OF BRINGING THIS GRIM CYCLE OF VIOLENCE, DESTRUCTION
AND DEATH TO AN END.

I APPEAL TO IRISH PEOPLE IN EVERY PART OF THIS ISLAND BY THEIR
BEHAVIOUR IN THESE DIFFICULT DAYS TO UPHOLD THE HONOUR AND DIGNITY
OF IRELAND AND TO LET NO-ONE FOR WHATEVER MOTIVE USE THIS TRAGIC
SITUATION TO CAUSE FURTHER SUFFERING AND DAMAGE TO OUR
GOOD NAME IN THE EYES OF THE WORLD.

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