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NORTHERN IRELAND: NORAID COURT CASE

1. THE NEW YORK APPEAL COURT HAS TODAY UPHELD LAST YEAR'S FINDING BY A NEW YORK COURT THAT THE IRISH NORTHERN AID COMMITTEE (NORAID) MUST REGISTER AS AGENTS OF THE PROVISIONAL IRA IN THE UNITED STATES. THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAVE NOT YET SEEN THE DETAILS OF THE RULING BUT UNDERSTAND THAT IT HAS ENDORSED THE FINDINGS AND STIPULATIONS OF THE LOWER COURT IN EVERY RESPECT.

2. THE ONLY RECOURSE NOW OPEN TO NORAID IS AN APPEAL TO THE SUPREME COURT. THE PRELIMINARY VIEW OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IS THAT THE SUPREME COURT IS QUITE LIKELY TO REFUSE TO CONSIDER THE CASE. EVEN IF THEY DO CONSIDER IT, IT IS MOST UNLIKELY THAT THE SUPREME COURT WILL OVERTURN THE APPEAL COURT FINDING.

3. IN RESPONSE TO PRESS ENQUIRIES, WE HAVE WELCOMED THE APPEAL COURT'S DECISION.

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