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MY TELNO 27 : PAISLEY

1. PAISLEY'S VISIT IS STIRRING PREDICTABLE CONTROVERSY AND ATTRACTING WIDESPREAD NEWS COVERAGE. HE WAS GREETED ON ARRIVAL BY A SMALL BUT NOISY GROUP OF DEMONSTRATORS. DANNY MORRISON, PUBLICITY DIRECTOR OF THE PREVISIONAL SINN FEIN ARRIVED ON SATURDAY EVENING TO COUNTER PAISLEY'S PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN. MORRISON WAS DETAINED OVERNIGHT BUT FOLLOWING AN IMMIGRATION HEARING YESTERDAY HAS BEEN LEGALLY ADMITTED. HE HAS CHALLENGED PAISLEY TO PUBLIC DEBATE.

2. PAISLEY HAS SAID TO THE PRESS THAT FOLLOWING THE US GOVERNMENTS REFUSAL TO ADMIT HIM, HE CHOSE CANADA AS A LAUNCHING PAD FOR HIS MESSAGE AND HAS ARRANGED US TELEVISION INTERVIEWS WHILE HERE. HIS MESSAGE TO CANADA IS ON FAMILIAR LINES AND INCLUDES ATTACKS ON AMERICANS GIVING DONATIONS TO IRA FRONT ORGANISATIONS AND AS AN ASIDE, ON BRITISH GOVERNMENT FOR INVITING THE POPE AND FOR APPOINTING A BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO THE VATICAN. ON TELEVISION THIS MORNING HE WAS RELATIVELY MODERATE AND EFFECTIVE. PAESLEY IS REPORTED AS HAVING REFUSED TO SAY WHEN HE WILL BE LEAVING CANADA.

3 THE CONSULATE-GENERAL IN TORONTO HAS BEEN TOLD INFORMALLY BY THE METRO TORONTO POLICE INTELLIGENCE UNIT THAT WHILE AT THE CANADA A.M. CTV STUDIO THIS MORNING PAISLEY RECEIVED A THREATENING TELEPHONE CALL AND ASKED FOR POLICE ESCORT. THE UNIT SAY THAT FOLLOWING THE REQUEST PAISLEY WILL BE PROVIDED WITH A BODYGUARD.

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