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FOR PS TO PRIME MINISTER

TELECON GOODALL (CABINET OFFICE)/COLES:

DOMINIC MCGLINCHEY'S EXTRADITION FROM THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

1. WHEN THE OPPORTUNITY OCCURS, THE PRIME MINISTER WILL WISH TO THANK DR FITZGERALD FOR THE SPEED WITH WHICH INLA LEADER DOMINIC MCGLINCHEY WAS EXTRADITED TO NORTHERN IRELAND AFTER HIS CAPTURE IN THE REPUBLIC ON 17 MARCH. SHE MAY ALSO WISH TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON THE SUCCESSFUL GARDA OPERATION AND EXTEND HER SYMPATHIES TO THE OFFICER WHO WAS INJURED.

2. THE INLA HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR A SERIES OF PARTICULARLY ATROCIOUS CRIMES INCLUDING THE MURDER OF AIREY NEAVE IN 1979 AND WAS PROBABLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DARKLEY MURDERS IN NOVEMBER.

3. MCGLINCHEY'S EXTRADITION SETS AN IMPORTANT PRECEDENT WHICH WE HOPE WILL BE FOLLOWED IN FUTURE CASES. THE PRIME MINISTER WILL HOWEVER WISH TO BEAR IN MIND THE SENSITIVITY OF EXTRADITION AS A POLITICAL ISSUE IN THE REPUBLIC, AND THE TAOISEACH'S CONCERN NOT TO BE SEEN TO BE INFLUENCING THE OUTCOME OF THE OTHER CASES AT PRESENT BEFORE THE COURTS.

~~Prime Minister.~~

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