



With the compliments of  
THE BRITISH EMBASSY

Charles.

The Resident clerk is holding your message to Fitzgerald (first contact with Dublin is in any case not till 3 am our time) to discover whether you want J O Kerr to amend it  
Head of Chancery  
to include a ref. to Fitzgerald's —  
below.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

2. Would you give the Resident clerk a ring, one way or the other?

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TO IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON

TELEGRAM NUMBER 316 OF 20 FEBRUARY

FOLLOWING FOR PS/PRIME MINISTER AND PS/FOREIGN SECRETARY FROM  
PRIVATE OFFICE

IRELAND: FROZEN ACCOUNT

1. WE HAVE INSTRUCTED HM AMBASSADOR DUBLIN TO CONVEY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THIS MORNING TO THE TAOISEACH THE POINTS IN YOUR TELEGRAM SENT FROM THE AIRCRAFT LAST NIGHT (TO CABINET OFFICE 005). WE HAVE TOLD HIM TO MAKE CLEAR THAT THE PRIME MINISTER HAD ASKED HIM TO DO THIS BEFORE SEEING THE TAOISEACH'S OWN PERSONAL MESSAGE TO HER (DUBLIN TELNO 2 TO WASHINGTON).
2. THIS ACTION DOES NOT OF COURSE PRECLUDE THE PRIME MINISTER FROM SENDING A FURTHER PERSONAL MESSAGE TO THE TAOISEACH IN RESPONSE TO HIS IF SHE WISHED.

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<i>Mr. Butler.</i>
<b>ADVANCE COPY</b>
<b>ALSO SENT TO:</b>
<i>( Mr. Appleyard. )</i>
<i>( — )</i>



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PERSONAL MESSAGE

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TO F L A S H WASHINGTON

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TELEGRAM NUMBER 002 OF 19 FEBRUARY

R Goodall

INFO IMMEDIATE FCO

PS/Sir R. Armstrong

FOLLOWING FOR PRIME MINISTER'S PARTY  
MIPT: FROZEN ACCOUNT

PS/r Howard

PS/r Andrew

r Lyon

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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF TAOISEACH'S MESSAGE:

Mr Harrington. Home-off

DEAR MARGARET,

PS/N 70 J. S.

I HOPE THAT BEFORE YOU LEFT YOU RECEIVED NEWS OF THE LEGISLATION WE HAVE INTRODUCED WHICH, AS I WRITE, HAS PASSED THE DAIL AND WILL BE THROUGH THE SEANAD AND, HOPEFULLY, BE SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT TONIGHT SO THAT IT CAN BE IMPLEMENTED TOMORROW.

I KNOW THAT YOU WILL BE AS RELIEVED AS I AM THAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO FIND A WAY OF SEIZING THIS KIDNAP MONEY, AND THAT IT HAS BEEN POSSIBLE TO DO THIS WITH TOTAL SECRECY AND WITHOUT WARNING. THE LAST FEW DAYS HAVE BEEN RATHER TENSE AS WE PREPARED TO ACT. I BELIEVE THAT, IF TESTED, THIS LEGISLATION IS LIKELY TO STAND UP NOT MERELY CONSTITUTIONALLY BUT AGAINST A CHALLENGE THAT MIGHT BE MOUNTED IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE. IT HAS BEEN VERY CAREFULLY DRAFTED WITH THIS IN VIEW.

I SUPPOSE THERE IS AT LEAST SOME DANGER THAT FURTHER MONEY THAT MIGHT OTHERWISE HAVE COME HERE - AND YOU WILL BE AWARE OF THIS POSSIBILITY - MIGHT NOW BE DIVERTED TO YOUR JURISDICTION, IF THERE WERE ANY LEGAL PROBLEM ON YOUR SIDE SIMILAR TO THAT WHICH WE HAVE JUST DEALT WITH. I PRESUME THAT YOU WILL BE CONSIDERING THIS ASPECT.

GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR WASHINGTON VISIT.

GARRET FITZGERALD, T.D.,  
TAOISEACH

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FOLLOWING FOR PRIVATE SECRETARY, FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH  
OFFICE, FROM MR POWELL, PRIME MINISTER'S PARTY

BEGINS:

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Dublin telegrams nos 76 and 78 and your telegram  
no 311 to Washington.

Please instruct HM Ambassador Dublin to convey to the  
Taoiseach the Prime Minister's warm thanks for his  
decisive action in introducing temporary legislation  
to freeze the funds in question. This will be a serious  
blow to the Provisional IRA and will avert untold  
injury to innocent people. He should also tell the  
Taoiseach that, in her speech to the Joint Meeting  
of Congress tomorrow, the Prime Minister will say  
that she and the Taoiseach stand together both in  
their condemnation of terrorism and their determination  
to continue to consult together to find a political  
way forward acceptable to both the nationalist and  
unionist communities.

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FOLLOWING FOR PRIVATE SECRETARY, FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH  
OFFICE, FROM MR POWELL, PRIME MINISTER'S PARTY

BEGINS:

DUBLIN TELEGRAMS NOS 76 AND 78 AND YOUR TELEGRAM NO 311 TO  
WASHINGTON.

PLEASE INSTRUCT HM AMBASSADOR DUBLIN TO CONVEY TO THE TAOISEACH  
THE PRIME MINISTER'S WARM THANKS FOR HIS DECISIVE ACTION IN  
INTRODUCING TEMPORARY LEGISLATION TO FREEZE THE  
FUNDS IN QUESTION. THIS WILL BE A SERIOUS BLOW TO THE PROVISIONAL  
IRA AND WILL AVERT UNTOLD INJURY TO INNOCENT PEOPLE. HE SHOULD  
ALSO TELL THE TAOISEACH THAT, IN HER SPEECH TO THE JOINT MEETING  
OF CONGRESS TOMORROW, THE PRIME MINISTER WILL SAY THAT SHE AND THE  
TAOISEACH STAND TOGETHER BOTH IN THEIR CONDEMNATION OF TERRORISM  
AND THEIR DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE TO CONSULT TOGETHER TO FIND  
A POLITICAL WAY FORWARD ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH US NATIONALIST AND  
UNIONIST COMMUNITIES.

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ALSO PASS TO PM'S AIRCRAFT IN FLIGHT

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TO F L A S H WASHINGTON

TELEGRAM NUMBER 001 OF 19 FEBRUARY

INFO IMMEDIATE FCO

FOLLOWING FOR PRIME MINISTER'S PARTY

MY TELNO 78 TO FCO: FROZEN ACCOUNT

1. TEMPORARY LEGISLATION REFERRED TO IN MY TUR HAS NOW RECEIVED  
PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL AND WILL COME INTO FORCE TOMORROW. THE WAY  
IS THEREFORE NOW CLEAR FOR THE PRIME MINISTER, IF SHE SO  
× ( WISHES TO REPLY TO THE TAOISEACH'S MESSAGE, (TEXT IN MIFT) WHICH  
IS BEING CONVEYED TO YOU IN WASHINGTON THROUGH THE IRISH EMBASSY.

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ALSO SENT TO:
<i>(m Butler)</i>
<i>(m Powell)</i>

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*In the light of (x)  
I cancelled our IFT  
+ sent only one short  
telegram.*

*PS 19/ii*



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TO IMMEDIATE FCO  
TELNO 568 OF 19 FEB  
INFO IMMEDIATE DUBLIN.



FCO TELNO 311 AND TELECON SHEINWALD/RESIDENT CLERK:

FROZEN ACCOUNT.

1. MY IRISH COLLEAGUE HAS ASKED ME TO TRANSMIT THE MESSAGE IN DUBLIN TELNO 002 FROM THE TAOISEACH TO THE PRIME MINISTER. WE SHALL CONSULT THE PRIME MINISTER'S PARTY ON ARRIVAL AS TO WHETHER HER PROPOSED MESSAGE SHOULD BE AMENDED IN THE LIGHT OF DR FITZGERALD'S.

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TO IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON

TELEGRAM NUMBER 311 OF 19 FEBRUARY

AND TO IMMEDIATE DUBLIN

FOLLOWING PERSONAL FOR PRIME MINISTERS'S PARTY

DUBLIN TELNO 78: FROZEN ACCOUNT.

TUR (WHICH HAS BEEN REPEATED TO YOU) REPORTS THE IRISH GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE ACTION TO PREVENT THE PAYMENT OF MONEY HELD IN A DUBLIN BANK TO THE PROVISIONAL IRA. DUBLIN WILL REPORT BY FLASH TELEGRAM WHEN THEY HAVE RECEIVED CONFIRMATION THAT THE LEGISLATION HAS BEEN ENACTED.

2. ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE LEGISLATION GOES THROUGH, THE PRIME MINISTER MAY WISH TO SEND A PERSONAL MESSAGE TO DR FITZGERALD ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

'I WAS DELIGHTED TO HEAR OF THE DECISIVE ACTION WHICH YOU AND YOUR GOVERNMENT HAVE TAKEN TO PREVENT THE PROVISIONAL IRA FROM ACQUIRING MONEY APPARENTLY EXTORTED FROM THE WESTON FAMILY. THE DENIAL OF THESE FUNDS TO THE TERRORISTS WILL BE A SERIOUS BLOW TO THEM AND WILL SAVE UNTOLD SUFFERING AND MISERY.

I AND MY COLLEAGUES ARE EXTREMELY GRATEFUL TO YOU AND YOUR SECURITY FORCES FOR ALL YOUR HELP IN DEALING WITH THIS PROBLEM OVER THE PAST YEAR''.

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TELEGRAM NUMBER 78 OF 19 FEBRUARY 1985

PERSONAL FOR CLARK, RID

FROZEN ACCOUNT

1. DAVENPORT, DFA, SUMMONED STIMSON TO SAY THAT, FOLLOWING THE CONVERSATION BETWEEN MR HURD AND MR NOONAN ON 13 FEBRUARY, MR NOONAN HAD SUCCESSFULLY PERSUADED THE BANK OF IRELAND NOT TO TRANSFER THE MONEY TO NEW YORK WHILE THE POSSIBILITIES FOR SEIZURE WERE FURTHER EXAMINED.
2. MR NOONAN HAD NOW DECIDED THAT SECTION 22 OF THE OFFENCES AGAINST THE STATE ACT 1939 WAS OF DUBIOUS EFFICACITY. THE GOVERNMENT HAD THEREFORE DECIDED TO INTRODUCE INTO THE DAIL THIS AFTERNOON TEMPORARY LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD AMEND THE ACT ESSENTIALLY (DAVENPORT HAD NO COPY OF THE TEXT) TO PROVIDE THAT, WHERE THE MINISTER WAS OF THE OPINION THAT MONEY HELD BY A BANK OR FINANCIAL INSTITUTION BELONGED TO AN ILLEGAL ORGANISATION, HE COULD SERVE A DOCUMENT ON THE BANK REQUIRING IT TO LODGE THAT MONEY WITH THE HIGH COURT WHERE IT WOULD REMAIN FROZEN UNLESS OR UNTIL THE OWNER OF THE MONEY BROUGHT PROCEEDINGS TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE MONEY COULD LEGALLY BE RETURNED TO HIM.
3. THE LEGISLATION WILL INITIALLY COME INTO FORCE FOR THREE MONTHS AND THERE WILL BE PROVISIONS FOR EXTENDING IT IF NECESSARY OR FOR REINTRODUCING IT IF NECESSARY BY ORDER LAID BEFORE BOTH HOUSES OF THE OIREACHTAS. THE ACT WOULD ALSO INCLUDE DETAILED PROVISIONS TO ENABLE THE MINISTER TO DIRECT IN DUE COURSE WHAT THE HIGH COURT SHOULD DO WITH SEIZED MONEY WHICH HAD NOT BEEN SUCCESSFULLY RECLAIMED. THE LEGISLATION ENVISAGES THAT A PIECE OF PAPER GIVING THE MINISTER'S OPINION THAT THE MONEY BELONGED TO AN ILLEGAL ORGANISATION WOULD BE VALID EVIDENCE, THOUGH NOT NECESSARILY CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE, BEFORE THE HIGH COURT. THE MINISTER WOULD ALSO BE EMPOWERED TO ORDER BANKS TO PRODUCE RELEVANT DOCUMENTS AND THERE WOULD BE PROVISIONS FOR FINING BANKS AND IMPRISONING BANK STAFF IF THEY FAILED TO COOPERATE.



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4. DAVENPORT UNDERSTOOD THAT MR HAUGHEY WAS BRIEFED ON THE MATTER YESTERDAY.

5. BECAUSE OF PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE TAOISEACH AND THE PRIME MINISTER, DR FITZGERALD IS KEEN THAT THE PRIME MINISTER BE INFORMED AS SOON AS NEWS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S ACTION BECOMES PUBLIC. THIS IS LIKELY TO BE BETWEEN 1530 AND 1600 HOURS THIS AFTERNOON, AFTER THE BANKS HAVE CLOSED. MEANWHILE, THE IRISH AUTHORITIES ARE DESPERATELY ANXIOUS THAT THE NEWS SHOULD NOT LEAK, SINCE THE OWNER OF THE FUNDS COULD, EVEN AT THIS LATE HOUR, SUCCESSFULLY APPLY TO THE HIGH COURT TO GAIN ACCESS TO HIS MONEY BEFORE 1530 HOURS.

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