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TO IMMEDIATE FCO

TELEGRAM NUMBER 92 OF 27 FEBRUARY 1985

AND TO IMMEDIATE NIO (B)

CONFISCATED PIRA FUNDS.

1. THIS MORNING'S IRISH TIMES REPORTS THAT MR ALAN CLANCY, THE COUNTY LOUTH AND NEW YORK PUBLICAN NAMED IN THE SUNDAY TIMES OF 24 FEBRUARY, CLAIMED LAST NIGHT THAT THE POUNDS 1.75 MILLION SEIZED BY THE IRISH GOVERNMENT LAST WEEK BELONGS TO HIM. IN A PUBLIC STATEMENT MR CLANCY SAID HE HAS NO CONNECTION WITH THE PROVISIONAL IRA OR NORAID, THAT THE MONEY IS THE BENEFICIAL PROPERTY OF HIMSELF AND A MR DAVID MCCARTNEY, AND INTENDED TO BE USED TO DEVELOP A PORK EXPORTING BUSINESS. MR CLANCY SAYS HE INTENDS TO TAKE LEGAL STEPS TO REMEDY THE 'GROSS INJUSTICE' DONE TO HIM, AND CALLS ON THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE TO CANCEL THIS TYRANNICAL ACT'.

2. THE IRISH TIMES COMMENTS THAT UNDER THE TERMS OF THE NEW LEGISLATION IT IS OPEN TO ANYONE CLAIMING TO BE THE OWNER OF FUNDS LODGED WITH THE HIGH COURT TO APPLY WITHIN SIX MONTHS FOR AN ORDER DIRECTING THE COURT TO PAY OVER THE MONIES, TOGETHER WITH APPROPRIATE INTEREST. IF THE CLAIMANT CAN SATISFY THE COURT THAT THE MONEY DOES NOT BELONG TO AN UNLAWFUL ORGANISATION, AND THAT THEY ARE THE RIGHTFUL OWNERS, IT WILL THEN BE RELEASED.

3. FCO PLEASE ADVANCE TO LYON, SIL , NIO.

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