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TELEGRAM NUMBER 165 OF 16 DECEMBER

1. GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD DELIVER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO THE TAOISEACH. BEGINS

THANK YOU FOR ARRANGING FOR MR DORR TO GIVE ME THE EXCELLENT NEWS OF MR DON TIDEY'S RESCUE BY YOUR SECURITY FORCES. I AM VERY GLAD THAT THE PERSISTENCE, ENERGY AND DEDICATION SHOWN BY THE GARDA AND THE IRISH ARMY DURING THE SEARCH FOR MR TIDEY HAVE BEEN REWARDED. I UNDERSTAND THAT GREAT GALLANTRY WAS DISPLAYED BY THOSE WHO RELEASED MR TIDEY. I OFFER MY CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL CONCERNED. AT THE SAME TIME I AM DEEPLY SADDENED TO HEAR THAT TWO MEMBERS OF THE IRISH SECURITY FORCES HAVE BEEN KILLED AND OTHERS INJURED IN THE COURSE OF THE OPERATION. I SHOULD LIKE TO CONVEY MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY THROUGH YOU TO THE FAMILIES AND COLLEAGUES OF THOSE KILLED. I SEND TO THE INJURED MY BEST WISHES FOR THEIR EARLY RECOVERY. ENDS.

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