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TO IMMEDIATE F C O
TELEGRAM NUMBER 354 OF 07 DECEMBER.

FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A LETTER DELIVERED TO THE EMBASSY ON 06 DECEMBER AT THE END OF THE H-BLOCK PROTEST MARCH.

BEGINS:-

THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR,

WE, THE NATIONAL H-BLOCK/ARMAGH COMMITTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ASSEMBLED OUTSIDE YOUR EMBASSY, HOLD THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CRISIS WHICH EXISTS IN IRELAND TODAY. THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, OVER THE CENTURIES, HAS MADE THE SAME MISTAKE OF FAILING TO RECOGNISE THE CARE AND DEEP EMPATHY OF THE IRISH PEOPLE FOR IRISH POLITICAL PRISONERS. THE IRISH PEOPLE HAVE NEVER STOOD IDLY BY WHILE THEIR PRISONERS SUFFER, AND THEY HAVE SHOWN TODAY THAT THEY ARE NOT PREPARED TO STAND IDLY BY WHILE THEIR PRISONERS DIE.

WE DEMAND THAT YOU CONCEDE THE FIVE DEMANDS OF THE PRISONERS, BEFORE ANYONE DIES. WE DEMAND THAT YOU CEASE TORTURING OUR PRISONERS AND POINT OUT THAT ANY CURSORY ANALYSIS OF THE REALITY OF THE PRESENT SITUATION, CLEARLY INDICATES THAT THE POTENTIAL CONSEQUENCES

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OF THE DEATH OF ONE PRISONER WILL REVERBERATE THROUGHOUT THIS
COUNTRY AND THE WORLD, AND IMMEDIATELY POSE THE QUESTION OF YOUR
COUNTRY'S COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL FROM IRELAND. ENDS.

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