

ROBERT HAMILL, DECEASED

24th January 2000

Mr [REDACTED] called with me at 4.30 pm. He said that since we last met he had been thinking about what he had been told. Also he had spoken to [REDACTED] of British Irish Rights Watch and Mr [REDACTED] QC. Their preferred course of action is that I do not hold an inquest which would leave it open to them to press for a Public Inquiry. I said that if I decided not to hold the inquest then bearing in mind the controversy surrounding the death I would be inundated with inquiries from the media about why such a course had been chosen. Mr [REDACTED] realised this but he said that the family would not voice any objection to that course although other organisations such as Sinn Fein might. I said I would reflect very carefully on what we were talking about and that I hope I would come back to him within about a week or so.