

Note for File

**MURDER OF ROBERT HAMILL
R -v- LUNT AND OTHERS**

At 5.30 pm on 4 November 1997 I received a telephone call from a Mr [redacted] of the NIO. Mr [redacted] informed me that there was to be a meeting of the IGC (Inter-Governmental Conference) on 5 November 1997. The Irish Government had made an enquiry about the current state of proceedings in relation to the death of Mr Hamill. I informed Mr [redacted] that there were proceedings currently before a court in this regard and that the conduct of those proceedings was a matter for the Director and not an issue for comment by the Secretary of State. Mr [redacted] quickly and freely accepted my point and indicated that both the NIO and the Secretary of State were well aware of the proper position in these matters. His enquiry was entirely factual so that the Secretary of State could simply be informed of the factual position. No comment or other further information would be sought. I accepted his understanding and assurances in that regard and indicated to him that was the only basis on which I would reply. I told him I would make enquiries as to the position and telephone him back.

At 10.30 am on 5 November 1997, after conferring with Mr Kitson, I telephoned Mr [redacted]. I informed him that criminal proceedings were currently against 3 persons who were on remand that criminal proceedings had been terminated against 3 other persons for evidential reasons and that the court had been so informed.



W R JUNKIN

5 November 1997

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