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The International Department of the CC of the CPSU has carefully studied the matter raised by Sean Garland, Secretary General of the Workers' Party of Ireland (RPI). Its further study, involving experts of the Committee for State Security, shows that, despite the trustful relationships between the CPSU and RPI, granting S. Garland's request implies taking serious risks.

Any leak concerning our involvement in the training of this kind of personnel for the RPI — considering that keeping such activities totally secret is very difficult, practically impossible — would lead to serious complications in Soviet-British relations.

It seems expedient to advise S. Garland of the impossibility of granting his request at the moment, while assuring him of our unwavering line aimed at strengthening brotherly relations with the RPI.

The KGB of the USSR (Comrade V.A. Kirpichenko) concurs with this conclusion. It has been coordinated with A.N. Yakovlev.

(Signed)

K. Brutents,

Assistant Deputy Head of the International Department, CC CPSU

January 6, 1989

"Please advice" (signed illegibly, 01.18.89)

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Attention: Comrade A.N. Yakovlev

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[LOGO] COMMITTEE FOR STATE SECURITY OF THE USSR

12.21.88/#2269-K/OB, Moscow

Re: Request of the leadership of the Workers' Party of Ireland

Comrade Sean Garland, Secretary General of the Workers' Party of Ireland, approached the KGB Rezident in Dublin, who is in confidential contact with him [i.e., Garland], with the following request.

The party leadership, maintaining their Marxist stand, feels it necessary to strengthen the membership's security. To this end, Comrade Garland would like to request the appropriate bodies of the party in Moscow that they consider the possibility of organizing a course of training for a group (up to 5 persons) of reliable and tried members of the party.

We believe it possible to grant the request of the leadership of the Workers' Party of Ireland.

(Signed)

V. Kryuchkov,

Chairman of the Committee