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Sector/Station/Branch Omagh Bomb Enquiry Team

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SUBJECT **Dissident Republican Bombing Campaign 1998 - Coupatan Timer Enquiry**

TO: D/Chief Superintendent Baxter

As you are aware the enquiries into the use of Coupatan Timers which were used in dissident bombs in 1998 was one of the most productive lines of enquiry. However despite the fact that we were able to prove that the payment for the timers was transacted through the Allied Irish Bank situated at Clanbrassil Street, Dundalk, we were unable to progress the enquiry any further.

I respectfully request that the report of D/Sergeant **Officer 13** be forwarded to An Garda Siochana via the Extradition Unit in order to continue enquiries into the matter having regard to available evidence, namely fingerprints. If An Garda Siochana identify any person involved in the purchase then that person/persons could be prosecuted by the authorities in the Republic of Ireland.

Prior to this report being forwarded to An Garda Siochana, I would suggest that the issue should be raised at a meeting to be arranged with the D/Superintendent at Monaghan.

Forwarded.

Signature

Officer 15
A/D/Chief Inspector

factory in France on 4 March 1997. These were without doubt manufactured on 3 March 1997 and had the date stamp 99710. 960 Coupatan timers with the part number 561222362 were supplied by Coupatan to Hydraelectric on 11 March 1997. This batch probably all contained the date stamp 99710 but it is also possible some of them were made on Monday 10 March 1997 and if so these would have contained the date stamp 99711.

On 6 March 1997 87 Coupatan timers with the same part number were supplied to Radionics in Dublin by RS Components UK Ltd, Part III, Pages 25-30. Therefore it was physically impossible for these timers to have the date stamp 99710 on them because Hydraelectric, the supplier, did not receive the timers with the date stamp 99710 until 14 March 1997. The invoice at Part III, Pages 31-39 shows this.

When Hydraelectric receives the timers from Coupatan they supply them to RS Components boxed with a knob, time dial and two mounting screws.

The 480 timers Thermaco received from Coupatan with the date stamp 99710 were supplied to a firm Electro-Techniks, Coes Road, Dundalk, Republic of Ireland.

The statement from Leonard Roy Harding along with the documentation at Part III, Pages 40-44 proves that on 9 January 1997 Electro-Techniks contacted Thermaco and ordered 480 timers. As this was a first time customer payment was requested up front. On 15 January 1997 Thermaco received payment in advance for the 480 timers. This was 18,236.88 French Francs which was paid into their French Franc account at the National Westminster Bank in Malvern. The money had been transferred from the AIB Bank in Dundalk on the instructions of Briege Morgan from [PD] Newry Road, Dundalk. The 480 timers supplied to Electro-Techniks were supplied without knobs, dials or fixing screws. Only the timer itself was supplied.

Detective Inspector Jim Sheridan of Dundalk Garda Station will state that enquiries he conducted established that the company Electro-Techniks of Coes Road, Dundalk does not and never has existed. He will also state that Briege Morgan does not and never has resided at [PD] Newry Road, Dundalk.

The financial transaction of payment for the timers was made through the AIB Branch at Clanbrassil Street, Dundalk. This bank has now closed and has amalgamated with another AIB branch in Dundalk. Martin Carr is employed by the AIB in Dundalk and in evidence given at the District Court in Dublin he stated that there was no bank account held in the AIB in Dundalk under the name Briege Morgan. Mr Carr also produced original documents to the court, copies of which can be found at Part III, Pages 45-52. One of these documents is described as the AIB application for foreign transfer customer payment form (MT 100). The remitter's name and address were shown as Briege Morgan [PD] Newry Road, Dundalk, County Louth. The signature on the form was Bridge Morgan. Statements have been obtained from Niamh Murphy, David O'Riordan, Nora Ni-Dhomhnaill and Detective Sergeant [Officer 7] regarding the continuity of this item.

In the evidence given by David O'Riordan, Part III, Pages 1-5, he states that the AIB do have an account under the name Bridge Morgan of a different address from that contained on the Foreign Transfer Form of [PD] Newry Road, Dundalk. This would be one enquiry the Garda Siochana could consider in order to clarify the correct position.

The order was collected at Thermaco by an unknown person on 12 March 1997 and the delivery company that had been invoiced were not used.