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27 Aug 98

REPORT ON ANONYMOUS PHONE CALL TO BOS, FINNER CAMP 14 Aug 98

SIR,

1. THE FOLLOWING DETAILS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY THIS SECTION IN RELATION TO THE PHONE CALL/WARNING MADE TO THE BOS IN FINNER CAMP, CO. DONEGAL ON FRIDAY NIGHT, 14TH OF AUGUST 1998, THE EVE OF THE OMAGH BOMB.

a. [redacted] WAS THE BOS FINNER CAMP ON THE NIGHT OF 14/15 Aug 98. AT 2230 HRS HE RECEIVED A CALL FROM A MALE, WHO SOUNDED REASONABLE and did NOT APPEAR TO BE DRUNK. HIS MESSAGE WAS

"PAY ATTENTION TO THE BACK ROADS AROUND KINLOUGH (LEITRIM) (BC 197/198 ?) PUT PATROLS IN THE AREA. INFORM THE GS and NIST THAT ROAD LEAD TO ENNISKILLEN - IRVINSTOWN and CLOGHER FORGET CLOCHER ... OMAGH, OMAGH, OMAGH (REPEATED 3 TIMES)"

b. [redacted] did NOT LOG OR REPORT THE INCIDENT TO SDO, CUSTOME BARRACKS.

c. FOLLOWING OMAGH bombing, THE LOCAL GS WERE INFORMED OF THE CALL THEY INTERVIEWED [redacted] ON SUNDAY 16TH OR MONDAY 17TH and INFORMED that THEY were ATTACHING NO SIGNIFICANCE TO THE CALL and that they FELT THAT the CALL WAS NOT A WARNING on the OMAGH bomb.

(INCREP ATTACHED)

d. AT 1045 HRS 27 Aug 98 A/10 W Comd [redacted] INFORMED this Section THAT

(1) LOCAL GS HAVE TRACED THE ORIGIN OF the CALL TO THE CHASING BULL

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BAR, MAIN STREET, BUNDORAN, CO. DONEGAL. THIS BAR IS OWNED BY I&S I&S, A REPUBLICAN WHO HAS NOT BEEN ACTIVE SINCE THE 1970's.

(2) GS INFORM THAT THE NEARBY PALACE BAR's [ONE OF BOUNDS PREMISES TO DF PERSONNEL, CONTROLLED BY PSF/PIRA] PUBLIC PHONE WAS W/S AND THEY SURMISE THAT THE CALLER WENT TO THE CHASING BALL BAR AND USED THE PUBLIC PHONE THERE. THIS PHONE IS IN THE FOYER AND PATRONS ARE NOT VISIBLE FROM THE PUBLIC BAR.

(3) THE DETECTIVES INVESTIGATING THE OMAGH BOMB, WHO ARE BASED IN CARRICKMACROSS, CO. MONAGHAN TRAVELLED TO FINNER CAMP ON WEDNESDAY 26th AUGUST 1998 AND INTERVIEWED [redacted] AND THE SWITCHBOARD OPERATOR - [redacted]

(4) THE CARRICKMACROSS DETECTIVES WERE NOT TOLD BY THE LOCAL GS THAT THE CALL HAD BEEN TRACED.

COMMENT

* ALL INTELLIGENCE RECEIVED INDICATES THAT THE OMAGH BOMB WAS CARRIED OUT IN MONAGHAN (CAR THEFT) AND S. ARMAGH (BOMB PREPARATION).
* IT IS MOST UNLIKELY THAT TERRORISTS WOULD TRAVEL VIA KINLOUGH - ENNISKILLEN - IRVINSTOWN - OMAGH
* THE MENTION OF OMAGH THREE TIMES IN THE PHONE WARNING SUPPORTS THE VIEW THAT THE CALLER KNEW OMAGH WAS BEING TARGETED.
* IF THE BOS, FINNER CAMP HAD REPORTED THE WARNING AND GS AND NIST HAD ACTED UPON IT, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT IT WOULD HAVE PREVENTED THE OMAGH ATROCITY

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INTELLIGENCE INCIDENT REPORT

From: IO E Comd
IO S Comd
A/ IO W Comd
IO C Comd
IO NS
IO AC
D ORD
D MPC

DTG: 17 Aug 98

Recorded By: [redacted]

File Ref:

Subject: PHONE CALL TO BOS, TINNER CAMP 2230 14 Aug 98

⇒ MALE CALLER. SOUNDED "REASONABLE". NOT DRUNK

⇒ MESSAGE "PAY ATTENTION TO THE BACK ROADS AROUND KINLOUGH (BC 191/198). PUT PATROLS IN THE AREA. INFORM THE GS + NISF THAT ROAD LEADS TO ENNISKILLEN/IRVINSTOWN/CLOGHER ... FORGET CLOGHER [redacted] OMAGH OMAGH (3 TIMES)

⇒ GS SPOKE TO BOS ([redacted]) ON 16 Aug 98

⇒ NO SIGNIFICANCE ATTACHED TO THIS CALL
NOT A WARNING ON OMAGH BOMBING (15 Aug 98)

More Information to Follow Yes ☐ No ☐

Information To:

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SO 2	Op INT
SO 3	CI
SO 4	DALO
SO 5	D Ops

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