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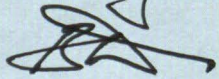
3-24 AM Sunday 6/2/2000

BEARING IN MIND THE "IMPASSE"

on ~~in~~ THE PEACE IN IRELAND @VES
WEAPONS, AND THE PAIN AND
SUFFERING CAUSED, IN IRELAND
AND INDEED THROUGHOUT THE
WHOLE WORLD, BY WEAPONS OF WAR
THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN IRELAND
WILL ACT AS A "RECEPTOR" AND FURNISH
- FOR THE ~~THE~~ "NON-USE" OF DECOMMISSIONING
OF THE WEAPONS FOR APPROX. ONE YEAR
OF SAY "100 UNITS OF WEAPONS" (~~for the~~
~~event of~~) THIS TIME SPACE WOULD
ENABLE THE POLITICAL PROCESS TO CONTINUE
AND DEVELOPE. THE CHURCH WOULD
PRAY THAT THE WORK OF FEDERAL DECEMBER
COUNCIL WOULD ~~Succeed~~ BE FERTILE
DURING THIS 12 MONTH "TIME SPACE"
IF THIS HAPPENS THE "UNITS OF WAR"

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Would Be, Placed under General
de Castelnau's Control and Supervision
If The 12 Month Time Space Does
Not Bring Agreement Between The
Groups And Or The successful
Decommission of All "Weapons of War"
Then The Church Will Act "Unitarily"
And "Render" The Weapons under its
Supervision into A "Sculpture of Peace"
Approx. One Year From Sunday
The 13 of February 2000.

The Church Will/Does Not Intend
To Enter Into "political Negotiations"
on The Detail or Substance of This
"Initiative". This is A "Stand Alone"
offer. Which Can Be Accepted or
Rejected. As God's Will "Provides"
 4 May 6 Feb 2000

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN IRELAND

Questions

- 1 Will Gen. de Castlaine HAVE ACCESS TO VERIFY THE WEAPON. A of course.
- 2 Will THE R.U.C. And Garda Be ABLE TO TEST THE WEAPONS FORMICALLY - THE Police Services North and South HAVE MORE NOISE THAN YOU GIVE THEM CREDIT FOR.
- 3 Will THE I.R.A HAVE ACCESS TO THE WEAPONS. NO THE WEAPONS WILL BE ON CHURCH PROPERTY AND UNDER KEY CONTROL. THE IRA WOULD HAVE THEM SUCH AS
- 4 Will DAVID TRIMBLE AGREE THAT IS A MISTAKE FOR DAVID TRIMBLE. SHOULD THE CHURCH GET INTO THIS SORT OF THING AT ALL. THE CHURCH HAS AN OBLIGATION TO PROMOTE PEACE AFTER ALL THE THE CH. BURNS THE DEATH

- 5 HAS THE IRA Agreed. A -
 I Haven't asked them. The offer
 is on the table - its up to them
 to Accept or Reject!!!
- 6 IS THE offer only for PIRA
 Primarily our concern is with
 The Rep. Movement But of course
 we will be delighted ~~would~~ if
 Loyalists would also Avail
 themselves of the opportunity
- 7 Why Have you done this
 Its our duty to Promote Peace
- 8 This is the Church in Ireland taking
 its own Authority and Responsibility
 on Behalf of ALL THE PEOPLE ^{in Ireland} ~~the~~ ^{to bring about} ~~the~~ ^{peace}
~~saying~~ and sending a message of Hope
 to the entire World

The situation is very Bad. The
 "IMPASSE" IN THE PEACE PROCESS^{IN OUR COUNTRIES} over Weapons
 of Weapons

The situation is most grave, We
 the people who had so much hope
 8 weeks ago are in despair over the
 IMPASSE of "Weapons of War" the whole
~~area of~~ "Decommissioning" is a difficult
 There is no simple sol

Bearing in Mind - "THE IMPASSE"
 over "Decommissioning" and following A. Bishop

Brady's Appeal, yesterday I ... Hegarty
 Bishop of Derry Make the following
 offer. The Church in my Diocese, under
 my Stewardship will act as "Reconcilers
 and ^{Supervisors} ~~Guardians~~" for a quantity of

of the Weapons of War. For Approx

A 12 Month period. This Decision Does Not come easy; But I consider it my duty And Moral Responsibility after 3106 Deaths and 10's of thousand of Broken limbs and injuries and Broken Homes And Hearts to do so.

The 12 Month Time/Space would enable the Political process to continue and develop for the good of All the People of Northern Ireland and the Island of Ireland: The Church would pray that the Work of Gen de Castlereagh would be fruitful during this

Time And All Weapons ^{of War} would be ^{of our Political} life ^{subsequently} taken out of ~~our~~ ^{our} Country for ever

The Church Does Not intend to Enter
into Political Negotiations on the
Detail of Substance of this initiative.

Politics is Not our Mission, Peace is.

This is a "Stand Alone" offer ^{Primarily} to ^{But Not} ~~EX~~ the
Republican Movement ~~and any of the~~
~~other groups who hold weapons~~ which
can be accepted or rejected as
God's Will provides
... Hegemony.