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From: US Military Attache Dublin, Ireland
To: War Department

Hbr: 12357, 10 May 1944

Mag No 12357.

The Government Party was defeated in the Dail by a vote of 64 to 63 on the second hearing of the Transport Bill. The President on advice of De Valera has directed general election for members of Dail to take place 30th this month. Believe De Valera has taken first opportunity to gain clear majority this majority very probable in view of public approval of Prime Ministers refusal United States request to remove enemy missions.

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/4/44
From: Am Embassy London

To: MILID

No. 4184, February 2, 1943

Information possession War Office fails to indicate extensive or effective Axis espionage and subversive activities Eire because: evidence lacking that accurate important information reaches enemy through Axis Eire sources; no known cases enemy sabotage in Northern Ireland; Eire authorities maintain close watch to detect and prevent Axis nationals espionage and subversive activities in Eire.

Your 2286. Believed Dublin Diplomatic Mission to German Legation primarily to maintain Eire neutrality, carry on pro German and Anti-Allied propaganda and prevent intervention or occupation by Allied governments. German Legation believed main concern to avoid any espionage implication in Eire, knowing evidence thereof would give Allied governments opportunity to demand breaking Eire diplomatic relations with Axis on grounds De Valerae declaration he would not allow Eire used as Base for operations against England. War Office unable to state categorically however that no attempt is made by Axis Legations to collect and pass on information.

CH-IN-1173 (3 Feb 43)

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(Signed Hughes) Cooperation between German SS and IRA and sending of individual agents believed chief basis of attempted illegal organization by present Eire Government and severe and effective measures for dealing therewith enforced by Eire and Northern Ireland Governments.

Reference last paragraph page 10 "Guide to Northern Ireland": Collection of info by simple observations (Location airdromes and units ETC) presents little difficulty because physical nature of border between Northern and Southern Ireland. Only closing border, not believed practical possibility, could prevent same. Through paragraph not strictly accurate and contains some exaggerations War Office feels them justified by importance of impressing need for security measures paragraph following inaccuracies exist in paragraph: (A) "Axis nations maintain large Legations and Staffs." Comment: German Legation Staff consists of 8, including 3 female typists; Italian 6, including 1 female secretary; Japanese only 2 (B) "Axis agents send out weather reports, find out by espionage what is going on in Ulster." Comment: believed untrue of Axis Legations, though true that agents sent Eirewards and now detained had been given missions of this nature and that IRA cooperation for collection of Northern Ireland information is utilized. (C) "Ulster border is 600 miles long." Comment: Exaggeration. Actual length of border only 180 miles.
From: London
To: AGWAR

No 1599 May 20, 1942

Prior to passage of command from British to CG, USANIF, it is desirable that organization of certain headquarters in Northern Ireland sub-theatre be effected and made operative. For WDWD. lst indorsement, HQ USAFBI 17 April 1942, basic letter "Headquarters organization, USANIF", forwarded by air, recommended approval and incorporation in a revision of operations plan, Northern Ireland sub-theatre (GHQ-NIST). Request advice of action taken ad prospects of early provision of appropriate headquarters units and personnel for this purpose.

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To: Milid

No. 1565, May 17, 1942

On this date 17th May 42 at 1355 hours German aircraft on reconnaissance mission flew over North Ireland. This is a paraphrase. Route as follows: Dundalk to southeast corner Lough Neagh, northeast to Aldergrove and Larne.
Plot of aircraft was lost 10 miles west of Stranraer and was picked up again over Lough Ryan. Plane was flying at 22,000 feet. Same aircraft spotted over Aldergrove at 1514 hours, passed over southeast corner of Lough Neagh and 10 miles east of St. Angelo. From here it passed into Eire, flying southwest. Aircraft was not intercepted and it dropped no bombs.

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From:  London
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No 1475 May 10, 1942

One enemy aircraft flew over northern Ireland this date at 1355 hours flying at 30000 feet. For MILID. It flew in east over Donegal Bay, skirted north east side of Lough Erne then east to Lough Neagh, turned north and flew toward Londonderry. (o #1) rounds of anti aircraft fired at aircraft identified as Junker-88 at 18000 feet. Enemy aircraft was not intercepted, it did no damage, it was on reconnaissain mission.

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From: London
To: Milid
No. 315 May 10, 1942

1 enemy aircraft flew over Northern Ireland this date at 1355 hours flying at 28000 feet. For Milid. It flew in east over Donegal Bay, skirted North east side of Lough Erne then east to Lough Neigh, turned north and flew toward London Derry. (#1) rounds of anti aircraft fired at aircraft identified as junker-88 at 15000 feet. Enemy aircraft was not intercepted, it did no damage, it was on reconnaissance mission.

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