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REASSURANCE ON INFORMATION REGARDING THE DISAPPEARED

The Independent Commission for the Location of Victims Remains (ICLVR) the body jointly set up by the British and Irish Governments to recover the remains of the Disappeared has stressed again that any information that is given to the Commission is treated in the strictest confidence and will never be shared with other agencies.

In a statement issued today the ICLVR Commissioners, Sir Ken Bloomfield and Frank Murray, said:

“In light of the media attention of recent days and commentary referring to the Disappeared, we feel it is important to make it absolutely clear that anyone who comes to the ICLVR with information relating to the location of the remains of those victims yet to be recovered can do so with complete confidence.”

“The work of the ICLVR is entirely information driven and is focused solely on recovering the remains of the victims for the sake of their families. All information that is given to the ICLVR to help us recover those victims can only be used for that purpose.”

“The ICLVR has been operating since 1999 and in that time that strict confidentiality which is enshrined in law by both governments has never been breached nor will it.”

“Information is the lifeblood of the ICLVR’s work and it is vital that whatever information might be available is provided to the ICLVR.”

“The Families of the Disappeared cannot rest until the remains of their loved ones are recovered.”

“We appeal, therefore, once again to anyone with any information to bring it to the ICLVR to help us to end their suffering.”

Anyone with information on the Disappeared should contact the confidential freephone at 00800 555 85500 or write to ICLVR, PO Box 10827, Dublin 2.

Notes for Editors

The Independent Commission for the Location of Victims' Remains was established by an intergovernmental agreement between the British and Irish Governments, signed on 27 April 1999, and by legislation enacted in the two jurisdictions. The Department of Justice and Equality, in conjunction with the Northern Ireland Office, provides financial support for the Commission.

The Commission is responsible for facilitating the location of the remains of victims of paramilitary violence who were murdered and secretly buried arising from the conflict in Northern Ireland.

The Commission has in place a confidential free-phone number and post office box address through which information can be passed to it. Any such information will be treated in the strictest confidence and will not be used for any purpose other than locating the remains of victims.

Confidential free-phone number: +800-55585500

or

**ICLVR
PO Box 10827
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Further information about the Commission and its activities and about the Disappeared is available at www.iclvr.ie.

There are 16 persons on the Commission's list of the Disappeared, nine of whom have been recovered to date.

- Joe Lynskey
- Seamus Wright
- Kevin McKee
- Jean McConville (Recovered 2003)
- Peter Wilson (Recovered 2010)
- Eamon Molloy (Recovered 1999)
- Columba McVeigh
- Robert Nairac
- Brendan Megraw
- John McClory (Recovered 1999)
- Brian McKinney (Recovered 1999)
- Gerald Evans (Recovered 2010)
- Eugene Simons* (Recovered 1984)
- Charlie Armstrong (Recovered 2010)
- Danny McIlhone (Recovered 2008)
- Seamus Ruddy

*Eugene Simons was recovered before the establishment of the ICLVR.

All press enquiries should be directed to the NIO Press Office.

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