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Subject: CONVERSATION WITH PETER COYNE - 2/3/90

I received a phone call at approximately 9.15am today from Peter Coyne. He told me that he would not be reporting for work. He seemed angry and upset.

He told me that his wife received a phone call last night from an unidentified male. That person told her that Peter had been having a sexual relationship with [REDACTED] that this Department had inquired into it and found it to be true.

Peter told me that he had "had enough". He believed that the Department had set in train a series of events and that, as a result, he had lost the job that was important to him, he had seen his friends and colleagues become angry and demoralised, and that his marriage and home life had deteriorated.

He said that he expected the Department to do something about this situation to resolve it. He said he wanted to know what allegations had been made and who had made them and he wanted to sit down around a table with the parties concerned and try to resolve the issues. He said he did not care how many solicitors or union representatives people may want to bring to protect their position.

He said that he believed that he could not do the job that he had been assigned to for the next six months. He said that he had not been asked about it and it had not been discussed with him before the assignment had taken place. He said that people he had been dealing with within the Department seemed to him to not believe that there was no connection between the Inquiry and his secondment to special duties.

He said that he believed that the Department had acted incompetently and insensitively throughout this process. He said that if the issues could not be resolved satisfactorily he would consider doing things to expose that incompetence and insensitivity.

I asked him what he wanted me to do about the things that he was saying. He said, "Well, you are my line manager". I suggested to him that if he wanted to alter the course of action that had been set he may consider doing that through his solicitor. He said that he wanted the issues to be discussed and in some way resolved outside of the legal arena and not in the public arena.

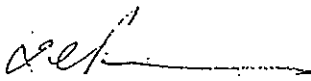
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He later in the conversation described this as a "without prejudice" discussion.

I told him that I would relate what he had said to me to the Director-General.



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