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MEMORANDUM TO: Acting Director-General.

Subject: Peter Coyne

At approximately 3.50 p.m. on 9th February, 1990, I received a further phone call from the abovenamed. He advised that he and [redacted] wished to have a meeting prior to 10.30 a.m. next Tuesday with you to discuss the processes of reconciliation after Heiner. He stated that he considered it to be of utmost importance that there is a start to ending "the mess".

He advised me that he has had discussions with his Union, but had backed-off from taking legal action as he felt there was a need to end "all of this".

Mr Coyne then advised that, whilst he did not wish the following to be taken as a threat, after 5.00 p.m. today, he was not prepared to sit back and wait any longer.

He advised that he would commence legal action, industrial action and that he had other courses of action planned if he did not receive a phone call and a proposal for a reconciliation meeting by 5.00 p.m.

He advised that he has spoken to Mr Ian Peers and that he understands that he may have to forego a career in the Department, despite the fact that he likes and enjoys his work in the Department. He stated that he cannot go on living the way that he has over the past five months.

He again reiterated that, whilst this is not a threat, after 5.00 p.m. today, "it's all over".

I advised Mr Coyne that I would pass on his telephone message to you.

*T. Walsh*

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A/Executive Officer

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