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MEMORANDUM TO: Acting Director-General.

Subject: Peter Coyne

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On the morning of 24th May, 1990, I received a telephone call from Mr Ian Berry, Solicitor, who confirmed that he has received the Department's reply sent to him in relation to the abovenamed.

Mr Berry expressed surprise that the present Government would take the action of destroying documents and said, "The Department is in a lot of trouble".

He advised that he wishes to be advised in writing whether the decision to destroy the documents was made by Cabinet. I advised that he would need to place any request for information in writing.

Mr Berry advised that he has every intention of pursuing this matter further and that he may contact Mr D. Hamill, M.L.A., concerning the destruction of these documents.

I enquired from Mr Berry whether he was ~~in fact~~ still representing Mr Coyne in view of the fact that Mr Coyne had advised me, as recently as yesterday, that he had given instructions to Mr Berry that he was not to take any action on his (Coyne's) behalf, other than to receive correspondence and refer it to Mr Coyne. Mr Berry advised that he still represents Mr Coyne and also Ms Dutney.

He confirmed that he would put his request in writing and expected a speedy reply.

Mr Berry also will be seeking confirmation that all documents have in fact been destroyed and, if not, the present whereabouts of any other documents relevant to Mr Coyne if they are not held by this Department.

T. Walsh

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A/Executive Officer.

24th May, 1990.

