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Date 8 October 1992

Dear *Tony*,

MAJOR DISASTERS: FINANCIAL AID FROM THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

As I am sure you are aware, in recent months the Province has suffered quite an escalation in the number and scale of terrorist incidents, ranging from attacks on individuals to the bombing of Security Force bases and industrial and commercial properties.

Almost inevitably, the civilian population has become caught up in many of these incidents, with consequential loss of life and destruction and damage to private property, often on a large scale: and of course, as inevitably, claims for compensation are flowing in - and are dealt with as speedily and efficiently as possible, by the Compensation Agency, funded by Central Government.

It has occurred to us that the European Community might be in a position to provide an additional source of revenue to assist those affected by such incidents, under the scheme, introduced a few years ago, whereby certain categories of injured and the next-of-kin of those killed in, or as the result of a major disaster, received 'one-of' capital sums from Community funds, with a balance of funding left to cater for "material loss" ie damage to property.

It may be, however, that the Community regards disasters which have terrorist involvement as being outside the remit of this particular Disaster Fund: in other words, the Fund is earmarked for victims of natural or man-made disasters but not of terrorist attack.

We are aware that this Community Scheme is now administered by the Red Cross, but we should very much welcome your advice as to whether we might hopefully attempt to tap into it, to provide an additional source of financial assistance to those suffering as a consequence of terrorist activity.

Regards.

Yours sincerely

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13 October 1992

Dear Maizie

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Major Disasters - EC Aid

1. Thank you for your letter EP 65/88 of 8 October.
2. You will, I am sure, appreciate that money made available by the EC in the face of major disasters is a gesture of sympathy and solidarity from fellow Europeans to those affected. This money is offered, not applied for, and the purposes for which it may be used are laid down by the EC - on the lines you mention in your third paragraph.
3. I doubt very much whether money would be forthcoming in the circumstances you describe. Had the EC considered such action I believe they would by now have made an offer. You may wish to discuss the matter informally with EC officials in your local office (in Windsor House, Belfast) as a possible "mind jogging" exercise. As you rightly acknowledge distribution of this money is now handled by the British Red Cross Society.
4. I am copying this letter (plus a copy of yours) to Neil Clowes (Home Office). I have mentioned the matter on the telephone to Victoria Gardner in the BRCS HQ here in London so that if you have any success they will not be taken by surprise. My personal view is that you have little chance of success and I advise proceeding carefully as seeking money, rather than accepting money offered, might make the donors less ready to make offers in future.
5. I would be happy to discuss the matter on the phone if you believe that would be useful. I would be grateful if you could in any case let me know what, if anything, you decide to do.

Yours sincerely
Bruce Budd

BRIGADIER J A J BUDD

FROM: C Richardson
October 1992

Mr McFadden

EUROPEAN COMMUNITY FUNDING TO ASSIST WITH MAJOR DISASTERS

1. During your absence on annual leave, a considerable furore arose over apparent Government unwillingness to assist victims of the recent PIRA attack on the NI Forensic Laboratory at Knockbreda - or, at least, to speed up procedures, particularly for compensation.
2. As you know, even for compensation, finance is tight, and I thought it worthwhile at least exploring the possibility that funding might be made available from other sources eg the European Community: hence my enquiry to Brigadier Budd (8 October) about use of the ^{funds} ~~names~~ provided by the EC, for major disasters.
3. Tony Budd's reply of 13 October does not hold out ^m such hope, nor did I really expect it to, as I am well aware that the main intention behind the EC scheme was to assist those suffering as the result of "natural" disasters.
4. However, I considered it worthwhile exploring the possibility at the very least to pre-empt possible questions from local politicians who are aware that the EC fund exists.
5. Would you agree that we might take the matter a little further, at any rate, by informal discussion with the Belfast European Community people, as suggested in paragraph 3 of Brigadier Budd's letter?

Submitted, please.

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C RICHARDSON

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*Deal - with on EP65/88.
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Dear *7*

EC AID FOR MAJOR DISASTERS

1. Many thanks for your letter of 13 October, on the question of the use of financial aid, offered by the European Community, towards alleviating the effect, of major disasters.
2. Your advice is very much appreciated, and I can assure you that there is no way in which we would wish to bite the hand that feeds us, by asking for assistance, rather than gratefully accepting what is offered.
3. What we are really attempting to do is to ensure that we do not overlook the availability of funds to assist victims of major disasters, from whatever source they emanate.
4. I will arrange to keep you informed of the outcome of whatever action we take.

Again, thank you for your kind assistance.

Yours sincerely

C RICHARDSON

- 1) Mr. S. Miller
- 2) Mrs. Brown *SB 2/10/92*

To see, please, Mrs & Miss. Personnel: perhaps it would be as well to B/F Mrs job. To keep abreast of events.

*C Richardson
6/10/92*

Mr Richardson

Seen thanks. All very interesting.

Mr Watkins certainly did a great job and was justifiably praised for it by a grateful S/S.

I await the outcome of the 12 Oct meeting with interest and note in particular para 3 of Mr ...'s ... of 9/ which has long been

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