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Identity

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Subject

His association with  
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Statement by Patrick Hannix,

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Maurice Ahern and Jack Clarke arranged for my attendance at a meeting in Donovan's house in the vicinity of Rathgar Avenue. This meeting was in connection with "Bloody Sunday" and was attended by Michael Collins, Frank Thornton, Gearoid O'Sullivan, J.J. O'Connell, Maurice Ahern and Colonel Broy, and took place a couple of months before "Bloody Sunday".

Organising of D.M.P. men for Intelligence.

I was asked by Frank Thornton and Tom Cullen if I could get a few men at each Station who could give me any information that would help the I.R.A. I said - yes, that I would. I introduced a number of men at each Station to Thornton and Cullen. I had two men at "E" District, Donnybrook; one man named Keating in Irishtown, who is still there, and in Booterstown one man. In Dún Laoghaire I had two men.

I secured some of the names and addresses of those who were to be shot on "Bloody Sunday". Keating, who was stationed in Irishtown, gave me the names of Secret Service Agents residing in Shelbourne Road and Upper Mount Street. I also learned of a Secret Service Agent named Captain McClean living in Morehampton Road. He used to report to the Commissioners whenever he was out at night if the police did not stop him and question him. At this time I supplied information about Captain McClean and his associates. They were shot about five minutes to 9 o'clock on "Bloody Sunday"

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morning. The owner of the house named Smith, who was a Secret Service Agent, was also shot.

R a i d.

The Royal Irish Rifles were stationed in Ballsbridge Show Grounds. I was detailed for duty to accompany the military who were engaged in searching houses in the Donnybrook area. Lieutenant Brookbank, Royal Irish Rifles, was the officer in charge. We came to one house in Donnybrook area and the officer knocked on the door. There were five or six men seated around a table. Batt O'Connor was there and Mick Collins and as far as I know Desmond Fitzgerald. I recognised them when I entered. I turned round to the officer and said they were all friends of mine and all law-abiding citizens. On hearing this the officer excused himself and withdrew. The men then escaped in safety.

In another house where we knocked there were a couple of men including Sean McGlynn. I told the officer in charge that they were friends of mine. He again excused himself and we withdrew. Here also the men escaped.

A fellow named Burke who is residing, I think, at 26 Home Villas, was a "wanted" man and on this particular night they searched for him and he escaped. The following morning he was observed outside a friend's house by a man named Pat Killeen who was a Secret Service agent. The latter was a Detective in Donnybrook Station. He (Killeen) returned to the Station and left a short note to the effect that when the Tans would arrive at the Station that night they would find Burke in the vicinity of Belmont Avenue. One of the men whom I had for giving me information told me about this message being

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left at the Station and on receiving it I gave Burke word to keep clear of the house that night, that he was to be raided. The military called to the station that night and they got their information as to where they would find Burke. When the officer in charge of the raiding party was leaving the Station he said, "This man escaped last night but he wont escape to-night", which indicated that they meant to do him in, I suppose.

#### Curfew incident.

One night I was accompanying the military in a lorry during curfew. When we reached Ballsbridge, there were two men walking along the footpath. The lorry stopped and the officer questioned the two men and ordered them into the lorry. As they were getting into it, they dropped some books and papers which I covered with my foot. I watched my opportunity to pick them up and having done so I concealed them inside my tunic. I examined them afterwards and found they were documents belonging to the I.R.A. I gave them to Seán McGlynn to return to the owners.

#### Securing of arms.

I secured arms and ammunition for the I.R.A. The British military had located in the Leeson Street area a dump and were taking away the arms and ammunition. As they were removing it I got some of the arms, which I concealed in my tunic, and handed them over to the I.R.A. later.

On another occasion I gave a few revolvers to Seán Tumbleton.

#### Williamstown meeting.

I attended a number of meetings at Williamstown, Booterstown, and at Rathgar Avenue. This was after "Bloody Sunday"

Sunday"

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Sunday" and about a month or two before the Custom House burning. They were convened for the purpose of passing sentences on British Secret Service men. The death sentence was passed on nine or ten but the date had not been fixed. Sergeant Hamilton of the <sup>D.M.P.</sup> ~~R.I.B.~~ was one of those listed for execution. He went to the continent and the job was held up waiting for his return. In the meantime, the Custom House job was on and the executions were not carried out. Mick Collins was at these meetings, also Frank Thornton and the late Mat Byrne and James O'Sullivan. At one particular meeting Michael Collins informed us that should the struggle for freedom be a success we would be compensated for our activities.

Andrew Knight.

I supplied information that Andrew Knight, a tram Inspector on the Dalkey line, was a very active anti-I.R.A. man and that he was supplying information about I.R.A. activities to the British military. As a result of the information supplied he was taken off a tram car by the I.R.A. and taken out to Killiney Golf Links where he was shot. In his pocket were found cheques for information he had given to the British. A search was made in his residence in Clarinda Park and in his box was found a list of names of members of the I.R.A.

Frank Saurin came to Donnybrook and asked me if I knew who resided in Eglinton Road. Saurin had been sent by Collins to make contact with me and to find out if I could identify who had given information to the British as to where Austin Stack could be captured. However, Collins sent word not to pursue the matter as it would be too bad to have a woman shot at that particular period.

I wrote to Danny Allman who was killed in the Headford ambush in March 1921, explaining that I was thinking of resigning, and he told me to remain on ~~and~~ in his opinion I would be of greater use to the Movement. Consequently, I remained on and continued my allegiance to the Movement until the 'Cease Fire' order..

I supplied information to a Miss or Mrs. McKillick, 29 Main Street, Donnybrook, where she is still residing. She was in touch with Headquarters Intelligence. The information I supplied was in connection with raids and she passed the knowledge on to headquarters.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

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