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STATEMENT BY WITNESS

DOCUMENT NO. W.S. 836

Witness

Mr. Tommy O'Connor,
165 Seaman Avenue,
New York,
U.S.A.

Identity.

I.R.B. Courier on
Trans-Atlantic route, 1916-1921.

Subject.

Code used for transmission
of messages from I.R.B. Military Council
to Clan na Gael in America. in 1916.

Conditions, if any, Stipulated by Witness.

Nil

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ÁRAT AN Uachtaráin,
PRESIDENT'S HOUSE

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Daile Áta Cliat.
DUBLIN

A	B	C	D	E
11	12	13	14	15
F	G	H	I	J
21	22	23	24	25
K	L	M	N	O
31	32	33	34	35
P	Q	R	S	T
41	42	43	44	45
U	V	W	X	Y
51	52	53	54	55

The figures
6, 7, 8, 9 and 0
were used to
confuse unauthorized
persons from using
the code.

official code used in the message
to the Klan in New York
announcing that the Military Council
of the I.R.B. in Ireland had decided
to strike for freedom on Easter Sunday
1916. The message was carried by me
and also the code which I taught him.
It gives me great pleasure to release this
to His Excellency Sean Y. O'Kelly - the only other
person to whom I have given it.

Tommy O'Connor
April 13, 1953