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STATEMENT BY WITNESS.

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Witness

Dr. Catherine J. Quinlan,  
25 Herbert Place,  
Dublin.

Identity.

Associate of Sean MacDermott.  
1907-1916.

Subject.

Arrangements made by Sean MacDermott  
for landing of arms from ship "Aud".  
1916.

Conditions, if any, Stipulated by Witness.

Nil

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STATEMENT BY DR. CATHERINE J. QUINLAN,

25 Herbert Place, Dublin.

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I was born in Killala, County Mayo. My father, the late John Timoney, was 'Centre' of the local Féinían Circle.

I cannot recall the year that I first met Seán MacDermott. But it was at a Connaught Feis which was held in Tuam. It was, I believe, before I entered University College, Galway. I spent a year in University College, Galway, doing Arts. But I decided to drop Arts and study Medicine, so I came to Dublin in 1908 and commenced my medical course in National University, qualifying in March, 1914.

When I was a student in Dublin I met Seán MacDermott frequently and came to know him very well. His office then was over Messrs. Reis, Jewellers, on the corner of Lower Abbey Street and O'Connell Street. But after 1910 I lost contact with him and did not see him until 1911, I think, when he was a patient in the Mater Hospital, Dublin, suffering from Polio. I was an Extern Resident (student) in the Mater at the time. I was under Sir Christopher Nixon. It will be remembered that after this Seán MacDermott walked with a slight limp, using a stick. Around 1910 he presented me with a book - "Rambles in Eirinn", by William Bulfin.

(At this point, Dr. Quinlan produced for inspection "Rambles in Eirinn". The volume bears the following inscription made by the late Seán MacDermott :-

"Ó S. MacD.

Dó C. ní T.")

I was married to Dr. Maurice Quinlan, Tuberculosis Medical Officer for County Kerry, in January, 1913, and went to reside in

Clahane House, Tralee. Later I returned to Dublin to resume my medical studies, and I qualified in March, 1914.

Some weeks after Easter 1916, I was informed by the Volunteer Authorities in Tralee that Seán MacDermott had been in Tralee a few weeks before the Rising 1916, and that he had arranged that my residence, Clahane House, was to be taken over as a signalling station for the "Aud", and that the green lamps which were to be used as signals had been left in readiness in the old Skating Rink, The Basin, Tralee.

I was asked what my reaction would have been to the taking over of the house. I said that if I had one room to myself they could have done anything they wished. Since the "Aud" arrived much earlier than expected this arrangement fell through.

I cannot now recall the names of the Volunteers who informed me of the plan to take possession of the house. When I asked them why did Seán MacDermott not come to me himself or make his presence in Tralee known to me, I was told that Seán did not wish to attract any attention to the house or bring it under suspicion, and that he trusted me and knew that any arrangements he made would be carried out by me.

SIGNED: Catherine J. Quinlan  
(Catherine J. Quinlan, M.B. - Mrs.)

DATE: 7. 3. 1956.  
7.3.1956

WITNESS: Sean Brennan Lieut. Col.  
(Sean Brennan) Lieut.-Col.

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