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STATEMENT BY WITNESS

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Witness

Department of External Affairs,
St. Stephen's Green,
Dublin.
Identity

Subject

Information through Consul General in New York
from "The Irish World" and "The Gaelic American"
re message from Wireless Station, Dublin,
Easter Week, 1916.

Conditions, if any, stipulated by Witness

Nil

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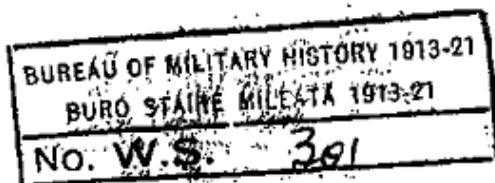
An Rúnaí,
Buro Staire Mileata, 1913-'21



With reference to your minute of 31st March requesting information about a wireless station attached to a commercial school in O'Connell Street, during the Rising of Easter Week, 1916, I am to state that the Consul-General in New York has notified the results of his enquiries.

He wrote to Mr. Thomas Ford, Editor of the "Irish World" and to Mr. Seamus McDermott, Editor of "The Gaelic American" to ascertain whether they had any knowledge that messages broadcast by this station were received or heard in the United States. Both Mr. Ford and Mr. McDermott replied that they have no knowledge nor were they able to ascertain from any of their acquaintances that messages from this station were received in the United States during Easter Week.

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31 March 1949.

Secretary,
Department of External Affairs.

In the course of the Rising of Easter Week, 1916, a wireless station attached to a commercial school in O'Connell St. was seized by the Irish Volunteers and used for the transmission of messages intended to inform the world of the Rising and its purpose.

The Director would like to know whether and to what extent the messages were received and Mr. Bob Brennan, our former Minister at Washington, has suggested that an inquiry might be addressed to the Irish Consul General at New York, Mr. Garth Healy, to see if he could get any information on this point from Mr. Seamus McDermott of the "Gaelic American" and/or Mr. Tom Forde of the "Irish World".

No definite information is available as to the power of the transmitter but, it is believed that its maximum range cannot have been more than 300 miles, so that any record of the messages which may have reached the U.S.A. would have come by relay from ships which received them, or through some other indirect channel.

The set was operated on the standard commercial wave length and the messages were in morse code.

The Director would be glad of any assistance which you may be able to give in this matter.

It may be necessary from time to time to ask our Irish representatives in the United States for further information on the United States aspect of the movement for independence and the Director would be grateful for any co-operation which the Department of External Affairs may be able to give in this regard.

I am enclosing a supply of leaflets which explain the purpose for which the Bureau was established and the lines on which it is working.

P.J. Brennan


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