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STATEMENT BY WITNESS

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Witness

Oliver St. John Gogarty B.A.M.D. B.Ch.,
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New York 21,
U.S.A.

Identity.

Close associate of Michael Collins

Subject.

Placing of his home at Michael Collins'
disposal as a hiding place

Conditions, if any, Stipulated by Witness.

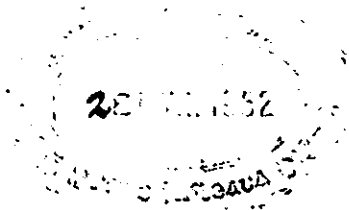
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Dear Mr.McDunphy,

When the Black and Tans behaved in such an excited and unsoldierly way by endangering my daughter's life when she was playing in St.Stephen's Green,I resolved to give all the help in my power to the Resistance movement headed by Michael Collins. His confident,Batt O'Connor was a patient of mine. To him I gave whatever gold I could come by for his reserve which was in a metal box cemented into a wall at Donnybrook where Batt O'Connor was building at the time. I also gave him a latch key of my house,15,Ely Place and prepared that apparent impassible cul de sac so that Collins,if hard pressed,could use my garden and appeared in St.Stephen's Green. There was a passage between the Board of Works and The Church Representative Body house that,through a wicket,gave on the Green. In order to facilitate the scaling of the wall I had some cases of petrol placed against it under a large ash tree in the garden. These preparations were passed on by Batt O'Connor to Michael Collins and his thanks conveyed.

Collins was an infrequent caller at my house.

Emmet Dalton handed me back the latch key which he took from the blood-stained tunic of General Collins,who was murdered by the instigator of the Civil War.

You are at liberty to make whatever use of this you may find good.

Believe me to remain

With every good wish for you and the work

Yours sincerely,

Oliver St.J. Fogarty