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OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR JUSTICE AND EQUALITY

Directive under section 25 (1) of the Garda Síochána Act 2005

I, Frances Fitzgerald, Minister for Justice and Equality, with the approval of the Government, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by Section 25 of the Garda Síochána Act 2005,

Taking into account:

- (i) the nature of and circumstances surrounding the killing of 10 persons at Kingsmill in January, 1976;
- (ii) the desire of the Government, for the purposes of advancing peace and reconciliation, that the inquest into the killings be facilitated through the provision of information to it;
- (iii) the possession by An Garda Síochána of information which could be of assistance to the inquest and the desire of An Garda Síochána to cooperate with the inquest; and
- (iv) the absence of another mechanism whereby An Garda Síochána could provide such information to the inquest,

hereby direct the Commissioner of An Garda Síochána to provide, as soon as practicable, to the inquest any material relevant to the inquest in the possession of An Garda Síochána to the extent which the Commissioner considers appropriate having regard to the functions of An Garda Síochána under section 7 of the Garda Síochána Act 2005 and the independence of An Garda Síochána in performing functions relating to the investigation of a specific offence or the prosecution of an offence.

The Commissioner shall inform the Minister of the measures taken by her to comply with this Directive as soon as practicable.

Frances Fitzgerald, T.D.,
Minister for Justice and Equality.

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