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HM Prison Maze (Cellular)  
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REF: PRISONER 354/77 MCCREESH - HUNGER STRIKER

I have to report that at 1835 hours on 16 May 1981 a Rollei Miniature Camera was found in the prisoner's bed in the Prison Hospital. The circumstances were that McCreesh asked the Hospital Staff to find his rosary beads among his bed clothes. When the clothes were pulled back the camera was laying by his right elbow.

It can only be speculation as to who left the camera in his bed but it is significant that three members of his family visited him in mid-afternoon that day and all bent over and embraced McCreesh before leaving. The intention was presumably to obtain a picture of McCreesh on his death bed.

The film, of a foreign make, is with Special Branch and cannot be developed for several days. However, it is not thought that any shots were taken. The camera, valued by the RUC at £128, is with the Steward for safe keeping.

  
A W HAYES  
Deputy Governor

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