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McGOVERN-THOMPSON LAUNCH GROUNDBREAKING BOOK ON BRITISH COLLUSION IN AMERICAN TOUR

A groundbreaking new book shows Britain armed, directed, paid and protected loyalist agents to carry out murders in Tyrone and Derry, then denied blame. Professor Mark McGovern, joined by Mark Thompson of Relatives for Justice, will begin a seven state American launch of *COLLUSION COUNTERINSURGENCY in NORTHERN IRELAND*, on June 2nd. They will present shocking new findings in public events and Congressional meetings in a tour organized by the Ancient Order of Hibernians and Relatives for Justice, but now supported by a growing list of Irish-American groups.

AT STAKE

A central claim used by British officials to justify their campaign during the Troubles is the statistic that crown forces were only responsible for 10% of the north's killings. This figure, compiled decades ago, accounts for only those directly killed by British troopers or the Royal Ulster Constabulary. The number gets cited to claim the British played an impartial role in a sectarian war between nationalists and unionists. It is also used to claim that legacy investigations of killings should be artificially limited to a 10% fraction of conflict related inquiries.

Meanwhile nationalists in Tyrone, south Derry and across the north saw a pattern of murders committed with hallmarks of deep British state force collusion. Loyalist killers traveled freely in heavily patrolled areas where nationalists could not move without being stopped. Crown patrols often spiked hours before murders then vanished. Covert camera surveillance was disabled. Loyalists had precise intelligence of the sort only available to British forces, from searches of locations.

HALLMARKS

Mark McGovern, Professor of Sociology at Edge Hill University in England, studied dozens of these killings in Tyrone and South Derry, applying academic research standards. Helped by Mark Thompson and Relatives for Justice, Professor McGovern combined original eyewitness accounts, and unpublished materials, with court transcripts and British military studies to put together a shocking new look at British collusion. His findings raises questions on hundreds of murders that were attributed to loyalists, but may have been carried out as part of an overall British strategy.

Anyone familiar with any loyalist murders in Tyrone or South Derry during the late 1980s and early 1990s will find new facts detailed here. There is even new information about the murder of my own close friend, American citizen and Bronx resident Liam Ryan.

Professor McGovern and Mark Thompson will appear at a series of not to be missed events, that will include New York City, Philadelphia, Washington DC, Rutherford New Jersey, Boston, Newport, Rhode Island, Fairfield, Connecticut and Albany. They will reveal startling new facts and personally signed books will be available for purchase.

AOH Freedom for All Ireland Chair Martin Galvin added:

"The British deny using loyalist criminals to commit murders. Again and again victims' families asked how else could low level loyalist killers get away with so many murders? How could

criminals get through heavily patrolled areas undetected and undetectable? How did they turn off cameras, wipe tapes, and make British patrols vanish, unless these loyalist criminals were backed by planning, approval, and direction at a high level within the British military and constabulary? Victims' families deserve to have the shocking truth told. The AOH is proud to help bring that truth to Americans who need to hear it."

SCHEDULE

They will premiere in Philadelphia on Sunday June 2nd at the MacSwiney Club, 510 Greenwood Avenue, Jenkintown Philadelphia, beginning at 1:30pm, organized by Gerry McHale and Pearse Kerr. (267-767-7854). This venue was specifically chosen in memory of Liam Ryan, the former Clan na Gael member, whose murder is one of those investigated in the book, and who attended events there

On Monday June 3rd. Professor McGovern and Mark Thompson will be in New York City for an event at O'Lunneys Time Square, 145 West 45th street starting at 7pm.

They travel to Washington DC for a series of key Congressional briefings on Tuesday June 4th and Wednesday June 5th and are arranging event at the prestigious National Press Club on Tuesday evening at 6:30 pm. Malachy McAllister's case will also be highlighted during these briefings. They will also hold an event in Virginia at Murphy's Irish Pub in Old Town Alexandria, VA for Wednesday June 5th at 6:30- 8:30 pm -Jim McLaughlin- (571 218-0181)

On Thursday June 6th, they will appear at American Legion Post 109 at 424 Carmita Ave, Rutherford, New Jersey at an event now being organized by Malachy McAllister.

Professor McGovern and Mark Thompson will speak on Friday, June 7th at the Watertown AOH Hall, 151 Watertown Street, near Boston, organized by Jack Lahey-(603-560--8192) and starting at 7pm.

They go to the Newport Rhode Island AOH Hall, from 1pm to 3pm on Saturday, June 8th organized by Kevin Doyle.(401-641-8183)

On Sunday June 9th, Bridgeport AOH will hold an event at the Gaelic American Club, 74 Beech Road in Fairfield, Connecticut starting at 2pm. (Tom Keane-203-256-8033-203-913-0375)

They will finish in Albany with a Monday evening June 10th event at the Irish American Heritage Museum, 370 Broadway, at 7pm before meeting Irish American Legislators on Tuesday morning at the State Capitol.

Tyrone families urge Irish diaspora and Irish-America to turn out to US Collusion book tour

Speaking ahead of next week's US East Coast launches of the book **Counterinsurgency and Collusion** Tyrone families are appealing for the Irish diaspora to attend and support the families back home. The AOH is organizing the tour.

Poilin Quinn, sister of John Quinn murdered by the UVF alongside three other men in Cappagh, County Tyrone, on March 3rd 1991, said:

"This book tells the definitive narrative of British state collusion in east Tyrone and elsewhere across the North of Ireland. It provides a voice to the families and is essential reading for anyone interested in Ireland, the conflict, the peace process, families' struggle for truth and justice and addressing the legacy of the past."

Counterinsurgency and Collusion is the product of years of meticulous research by the author, Professor Mark McGovern of Edgehill University, Liverpool, England. Working alongside the NGO Relatives for Justice his work draws on forensic and ballistic evidence, eye-witness accounts, and legal actions by families involving disclosures, court cases and inquests. The book contains key interviews with the families of those targeted and killed by the UK government through its proxies within loyalist paramilitary gangs.

Placing these experiences in the context of British colonial policies, **Counterinsurgency and Collusion** examines the deliberate targeting of republicans and their uninvolved relatives across the Mid-Ulster region of east Tyrone and south Derry from the late 1980's until 1994 in a series of attacks in which collusion was a key feature.

The UVF murder of Roseanne Mallon, the elderly aunt of Tyrone republican Martin Mallon features prominently in the book. This attack on the Mallon family home, in which Martin's mother Bridget was also shot and wounded by the notorious UVF gang lead by Billy Wright, was watched by a covert unit of the British army who also recorded the attack. *Mr. Mallon said:*

"This book is an important contribution to exposing the policy of British state collusion in east Tyrone. It speaks truth to power.

"I'd call on all Tyrone people living in the US to attend the launches and support the families in getting the truth out about exactly what did happen to us and to expose Britain's dirty war of terror and murder in Ireland."

Speaking ahead of a series of planned launches in Philadelphia, New York, Washington DC, Rutherford NJ, Boston, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and Albany Poilin Quinn concluded:

"The families continue the struggle for truth and accountability. This book lifts the lid on Britain's shameful and murderous record in Ireland through pseudo terror gangs. It shatters the myth that the British were neutral observers. British collusion claimed hundreds of lives and families are battling everyday for the truth. I'd appeal to everyone to attend the launches, purchase the book, and read our truth"