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Martinez Countess C.G.

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No. 26953/S

Chief Secretary's Office, Ireland.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION.

SUBJECT.	MINUTE.
Case of Countess Markievicz	2 The Lord Lieutenant The Chief Secretary Submitted with the reply from Home Office on the subject of the Countess's deportation. The [illegible] Case of the "Countess" [illegible] will be otherwise dealt with. C.S. I will speak to you about this in London F 25/11/19 The C.S. has spoken to H.S. R[illegible] 3/12/19 W[illegible] 4/12

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No. 26525/Secret

Chief Secretary's Office, Ireland.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION.

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SUBJECT.	MINUTE.
	Attorney General Under the Aliens Act, 1905 (5 Ed 7 c 13) the Secretary of State can only make an order for deportation if it is certified to him by a court that the alien has been convicted of an offence, etc (sec 3) Under the Aliens Act 1914 (4 & 5 Geo 5 c 12) his majesty when a state of war exists or when it appears that an occasion of imminent national danger or great emergency has arisen by order in Council may (inter alia) provide for the deportation of aliens. By an order of the 18th August 1914 it was provided in article 12 thereof that the Sec of State may, if he deems it to be conducive to the public good, make an order requiring an alien to leave or remain out of the United Kingdom or may require the alien to return to the country of which he is a subject. In the case of the Countries mentioned

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Cannot I think be made under art 12 of the last mentioned order that a state of war exists. In the case of Madame McBride I am not satisfied that she is an alien. There certainly is no way that I can see of proving that she is [illegible] of the order was challenged.

[illegible]
2[illegible]

Legal Adviser 28-10-19

Asst Under Secretary

Submitted. As regards Mrs McBride my recollection is that the Colonial Office became possessed of papers towards the end of the Boer War which disclosed the names of all persons who took the oath of allegiance to the South African Republic.

[illegible] 30/10

Attorney General

[illegible]

It will be very difficult to establish the fact that Mrs McBride is an alien, but the papers should be asked for.

[illegible] 29/10/19

Asst Under Secretary

Submitted for authority (1) to write to H.O. recommending the deportation of the Countess Markievicz as advised, (2) to write to the Colonial Office for any evidence available regarding the assumption of Boer nationality by the late John McBride.

[illegible] 31/10/19

Approved. Letters at (1) & (2) to be sent to Ch. Secretary before dispatch.

[illegible] 31/10

Chief Secretary

[illegible] 8/11/19

Approved.

[illegible] 10/11/19

Letters dispatched

[illegible] 14/11/19

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Chief Secretary's Office, Ireland.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION.

SUBJECT.	MINUTE.
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Chief Com.

Will you be so good as to have the attached note continued as far as the Countess has been active in the D.M.P. District since June 1917

W.M. 3/11

Supt. G.

For compliance please.

W.E. [illegible]
C.C. 3/11/19

Noted and complied with

Owen Brien
Supt. 6/11/19

The Chief Commr.

The Under Secretary,
Submitted.

W. E. Johnstone
C. Commr. 6/11/19

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Any communication on the subject of this letter should be addressed to—

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
HOME OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W. 1,

and the following number quoted:—

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HOME OFFICE,

WHITEHALL.

21st November, 1919.

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Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary of State to refer

26787/S to your letter and enclosure of the 8th instant relative to the case of Countess Constance Georgina MARKIEVICZ and to say for the information of His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant that while anxious to assist him the Secretary of State has the gravest doubts of the propriety of making a Deportation Order against this lady. It is contrary to the established practice to deport a British-born woman and the Secretary of State thinks that if a departure is to be made from this practice, the circumstances must be of a most extreme character and such as to evoke general approval of the deportation. In the present case deportation would without doubt cause a great outcry, and might well give the lady and her sympathisers a most undesirable advertisement.

Further the practical difficulties of carrying

The Under Secretary,
DUBLIN CASTLE.

/deportation

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deportation into effect in this case would be very great. The whereabouts of her husband are not known nor is it certain whether he is to be regarded as a Pole or a Russian, nor which country would be willing to receive the lady. Moreover, transport to either country is practically unavailable.

If it would assist the Irish Government in any way in keeping control over the lady's movements and activities to have restrictions (other than such as that Government can itself enforce) imposed on her under Article 11 of the Aliens Order 1919, and if Lord French would be good enough to suggest the nature of such restrictions, the Secretary of State will be ready to consider whether he can make an Order accordingly under that Article.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Edward Troup.

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8th November 1919.

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Sir,

I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant to request you to place before the Secretary of State the accompanying Note relating to the case of Countess Constance Georginia MARKIEVICZ, a subject of the former Russian Empire, who has taken a very prominent part in disloyal and seditious movements in this country during the past nine years and who was sentenced to death for her participation in the rebellion of Easter Week 1916.

In view of the circumstances of the present state of Ireland, His Excellency is decidedly of opinion that the presence in Ireland of Countess Markievicz constitutes a grave danger to the public peace; and I am accordingly to request you to move the Secretary of State to be so good as to consider the propriety of issuing an Order under Article 12 of the Aliens Restriction Order for her deportation from the United Kingdom.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

(S) E. J. Taylor

The Under Secretary of State,
Home Office,
London, S.W. 1.

P.A. with letters to Chief Sec.
W.H.
8/11/19

COUNTESS CONSTANCE GEORGINIA MARKIEVICZ.

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In 1910 she with others established the Sinn Fein Boy Scouts and since then has been connected with disloyal organizations. On 6/8/1911 she was arrested at a meeting at Beresford Place for assaulting a Constable, while her companion, Miss Moloney, was charged with calling the King the greatest scoundrel in Europe. Both were convicted, but no punishment was imposed on account of their sex.

After 1912 she did not appear to be in very close touch with the Sinn Feiners. She associated with the Suffregettes for some time in 1913, and was afterwards very closely connected with Liberty Hall and the Larkinite Strike of that year.

In 1915, and up to the 1916 Rebellion, she was associated with the late James Connolly in the organizing and training of the Citizen Army and the Boy Scouts and was invariably out with the Citizen Army on their night route marches.

She was sentenced to death, which was afterwards commuted to penal servitude for life, for her part in the Rebellion of April 1916, and was released in the General Amnesty of June,1917.

P.T.O.

In October, 1917, she was elected a Member of the Executive Committee of Sinn Fein, and at the time had been very active in Sinn Fein Propaganda.

In May, 1918, she was deported to England with others and was released in March, 1919, when on arrival in Dubl in she was accorded a public reception.

At the General Election in December, 1918, she was elected Sinn Fein M.P. for St. Patrick's Division of Dublin City.

She was arrested in June, 1919, for a speech delivered in Co. Cork and sentenced on 17th of that month to four months' imprisonment at Mallow.

She was released from Cork Jail on 15th ult., Octbr 1919. ~~and is at present residing at 10 Richmond Avenue, Dublin.~~

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No. 26787

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Chief Secretary's Office, Ireland.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION.

SUBJECT.	MINUTE.
Countess Markievicz	I.G. Will you be so good as to cause the attached note to be continued as far as the Countess has come under notice in R.I.C. Districts since June 1917. W.H. 3/11 Under Secretary, Note revised to date attached. [signature] I.G. 5:11:19.

ROYAL IRISH CONSTABULARY OFFICE, Received 8 NOV 1919, CRIME SPECIAL BRANCH

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Chief Secretary.

With Inspector Barrett's report of the 18th inst. and the C.C's observations thereon. I think the necessary steps should forthwith be taken for the deportation of the "Countess" Markievicz to Holland whence she can rejoin her husband in Poland, and as regards Mrs. MacBride who returned from France in Sept. 1917 with her adopted daughter, Germaine Lucille, and her french cook, Joseph Villon, I suggest that they should all be deported to France.

J.T. 21. X. 19

A.U.S. The C.S. thinks that your suggestions should be carefully considered by the Law Officers and then in view of the expiration of the Regulations and the limited extension which will be given by the War Emergency Laws Continuance Bill. J.W. 25.x.

D.M.P. Form No. 44.

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Dublin Metropolitan Police,

Superintendent's Office,

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.....*Division,*

20th Oct. 1919.

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Cumann na mBan Meeting prohibited.

I beg to submit the attached two reports from Insp. Barrett and S.S. Winters, re above, etc.

The Countess Markievicz also stated that she was "Minister of Labour" under the "Irish Government".

Her veiled threat seemed to show her consciousness of the assassin gangs of the Irish Volunteers, in whom she is in all probability more interested, as her career of crime would indicate, than with labour.

The murder of Const. Downing may be an immediate sequel to her threat. At any rate I respectfully suggest the Chief Comm.

The U. Secretary

Submitted. The release of this pestilential harridan was appropriately celebrated by the brutal murder of P.C. Downing. She is of the most extreme section & a grave danger as long as she is at large

W. E. Johnstone

CC 20/10/19

Asst Under Secretary

Submitted with file 22260/S and 26492/S in reference to the nationality of Mrs McBride and the Countess Markievicz, both aliens, who might well be deported.

WJC 21/10

that while she and those associated with her move freely about assassinations will in my opinion continue and that it might be possible to deport her as others have been.

George W. Coughlin.
Supt.

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D.M.P. Form No 31.

DUBLIN METROPOLITAN POLICE.

Station Report, 17

College Station, B Division.

18th October 1919.

Cumann na mBan
Meeting prohibited.

I beg to report that on 18th inst a Meeting of Cumann na mBan arranged for the Mansion House at 2 pm was prohibited by Police. From 1 pm Supt Willoughby in charge of 1 Insp 2 Sergts and 20 Constts of B Divn and a like number from C Divn was on duty in Dawson St in front of the Mansion Hse. Four Constts of this number were at the back in Schoolhouse Lane.

Few people put in an appearance to seek admission but among those who lingered in the vicinity were Mrs Maud Gonne McBride Mrs Count Plunkett (who rode by on a tricycle) To the Supt B Division

and the Countess Markievicz. The latter stepped off an outgoing tram at about 2 pm. accompanied by a low sized dark sallow complexioned lady wearing glasses and both walked across towards the Mansion House. I stepped forward ~~over~~ and intercepted them as they reached the Police Cordon. I spoke to the Countess and she answered "As a member of the Irish Government elected by the Irish people I want to see the Lord Mayor" The Supt. then interposed and said "Are you connected with this meeting" She said "What meeting, what an impertinent question" She then continued speaking saying "Do you represent the hirelings of the British Government? What Irishmen! I got 4 months in Cork for telling the people about you and I'm glad I did so. You wont let me in then: very well I have been here to test it and I hope you wont be too badly punished" She said no more but walked away up the Street towards Stephens Green.

Dr. Kathleen Lynn drove by in her motor car "IK 1431" in or about 2/pm. A Couple of apparently Cumann na mBan girls on duty kept walking up and down the footway from 1/ to 3/pm. These engaged in conversation with many young women who came in twos and threes and went away after a brief stay.

From the same hour – 1/pm. – Insp. Kelleher with 2 Sergts and 20 Constts was on duty at the Sinn Fein Hd. Quarters 6 Harcourt St. He had a few Constts of his party posted at the rear. A comparatively big crowd of boys girls and women assembled in Harcourt St but were kept moving by the Police.

All these had cleared away by 3pm ~~and~~ all the visitors had cleared away from the Sinn Fein hall and matters were then normal at both Harcourt St and Dawson St.

The strength of the Police forces was then reduced by half and this was how matters stood at 3/pm.

Wand Barrett
Insp.

D.M.P. Form No 31.

DUBLIN METROPOLITAN POLICE.

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Station Report,

College Stn Station, B Division.

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Cumann na mBan
meeting prohibited

Referring to foregoing report. I beg to state that from 3 to 9 p.m. an Inspector a Sergt. and 10 Constables of C. Divn and a Sergt and 10 Constables of B Division remained on Duty in Dawson Street in front of the Mansion House, four Constables of this number ~~in~~ were at the back entrance in Schoolhouse Lane

From 3 to 8 p.m no person put in an appearance to seek admission.

From 8 pm to 3 am a "Céilide" was held in the Mansion house about 155 persons
The Supt C Divn

attended and no incident accurred.

At 8 pm the party at the Mansion House were reduced by 5 Consts. and at 10 pm they were all withdrawn except two Constables that were left in vicinity until all was over.

From 3 pm an Inspr of A. Divn a Sergt and 7 Consts and three Constables of E. Division were on duty at the Sinn Fein Hd. Qrs 6 Harcourt Street, this party were withdrawn at 8 pm except two Consts who remained on duty until 10 pm, and no incident accurred during the evening. The Police arrangements were under the Supervision of Superintendent Willoughby B Divn

Jno Winters S.S.

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No. 5507.

General Prisons Board for Ireland.

DUBLIN CASTLE.

R.I. CONSTABULARY OFFICE Received 28 JUL.1919 Dublin Castle CRIME, SPECIAL BRANCH

SUBJECT.	MINUTE.
Prisoner Markievicz.	Under Secretary, 22

Report by Medical Member of General Prisons Board.

Submitted. The Board in recommending the removal to Mountjoy Prison of this prisoner feared that like other Sinn Fein prisoners she would adopt the usual tactics of going on hunger strike or refusing to take exercise etc. Had she done so it would have been of great advantage to have had her at Mountjoy where she could be under the immediate supervision of the Medical Member of the Board.

In view of this report however, we think her removal may be deferred so long as her present good conduct continues.

MacDermot

VICE CHAIRMAN.

22nd July 1919.

Chief Secretary.

Unless an emergency arises I think this prisoner may be left where she is. J.T. 23/7/19

Yes. I.M. 23/7/19

G.P. Board

Please note and return. J.T. 25.7.19

Noted & returned. MacDermot 27.7.19

Asst Under Secretary

The Countess may perhaps be left in Cork for the present provided the G.P. Board is satisfied that the Prison is sufficiently guarded. WHL 28/7

To see & return WHL 28/7

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22 JUL 1919
GENERAL PRISONS BOARD

General Prisons Board for Ireland.

DUBLIN CASTLE.

SUBJECT.	MINUTE.

Vice-Chairman,

When I visited Cork on the 16th instant, I took the opportunity of calling at the prison for women, where I saw Madame Markievicz. I asked her how she was & had she anything to complain of. She replied that she had not. She certainly seemed in good health & contented in the circumstances with her present lot. Her cell is bright, airy & lofty & the exercise ground spacious, neat & orderly.

C. Russell

22:7:1919

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CONSTABULARY OFFICE Received 15 JUL 1919 Dublin Castle CRIME SPECIAL BRANCH

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GENERAL PRISONS BOARD

No. 5201

General Prisons Board for Ireland.

DUBLIN CASTLE.

Secret

SUBJECT.	MINUTE.
Madam Markievicz	24

Under Secretary

The arrangements between the Military authorities and the Governor of Mountjoy Prison for the reception of the prisoner referred to herein are in the course of being made, but will take three or four days yet for completion.

As the Peace Celebration has been fixed for July 19th we think it would be well, if Government approve, definitely to postpone the prisoner's transfer from Cork until after July 19th.

It would not be improbable that the S.F. organisation would attempt to seize upon the prisoner's presence at Mountjoy to turn the celebration to their own purposes by some form of attack. The police and Military will have a good deal of work on that day and will also desire some relaxation.

If Government approve, the police should be informed, in view of their arrangements referred to on file 25028 attached hereto. Board would be glad to learn Government decision in matter.

J MacDermott
10-7-19

Under Secretary

Submitted for orders as to whether the removal should take place forthwith or be deferred as suggested

WHL 10/7

C.S.

Submitted & postponement recommended.

M.O.M. 10/7

I.M.
11/7/19

Major General i/c Administration

For your information — please return file.

J.T. 11/7/19.

Under Secretary

Noted & returned

J. Brind
Brig. Genl
Genl Staff

Under Secretary 12.7.19

Noted & returned

J MacDermott
16.7.19

G.P.Bd

WHL 12/7

I.G.

— Please note & return file

I.J.
14.7.19

Under Secty

Noted and returned.

T. J. Smith
a D I G
15.7.19

Asst. Under Secretary

If the arrangements for a Military Guard at Mountjoy have been completed, this prisoner should now be removed there from Cork.

W.W.C.
22/7

General Prisons Board.

Is the transfer of this prisoner still recommended by the Board?

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22/7/19

Under Secretary.

In reference to this question please see (attached) the Board's report of this date,

J MacDermot

22.7.19

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C.R. No. 2/163(G).

MINUTE SHEET. No.

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Under Secretary.

Instructions have been issued to G.O.C. Dublin District to arrange for a guard to be mounted at Mountjoy Prison, of sufficient strength to ensure the absolute safety of the Prison against attack from outside during the retention there of Constance G. Markievicz.

P. Stewart Lt Col

for Lieutenant-General,
Commander-in-Chief, Ireland.

General Headquarters,
Ireland,
5th July, 1919.

Chief Secretary
To see.
[illegible] 6/7/19

[illegible] CS.
[illegible] 7/7/19

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10 JUL 1919
GENERAL
PRISONS BOARD

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2/163 G.

UNDER SECRETARY.

As reported to you in my minute of 5th. July, attached to your File No. 24822, the G.O.C. Dublin District has been instructed to provide the necessary Guard.

As soon as details have been arranged between the G.O.C. Dublin District and the Governor of the Prison regarding the arrangements for the admission of the Guard within the female portion of the Prison and regarding the necessary accommodation for the men, the Guard will be mounted.

The G.O.C. Dublin District is calling on the Governor of the Prison ~~to-day~~ tomorrow for the purpose of making the necessary arrangements.

J. Burd.

G.H.Q. Ireland.
8/7/19.

Brigadier-General,
General Staff.

Under Secretary
Submitted to see
Arrangements for removal from Cork to Mountjoy of the Countess Markievicz have been already approved. W.V.C. 9/7

G.P.B.
W.V.C.
10-7-19

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County Inspector's Office,
Cork July 1, 1919

Countess Markievicz - Prisoner in Cork Prison.

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Referring to minute of the 19:6:'19 as to arrangements for removal of the above named prisoner from Cork to MountJoy prison, I beg to report that two motor lorries (large) one small lorry and a supplementary escort of 20 military are being held in readiness since at Military Barracks here.

I beg to ask whether a date will soon be fixed for removal of the prisoner.

The police escort is ,of course, also being held in readiness.

The military urgently require these motor lorries elsewhere.

E.M. Clayton
Co. Inspector.

The Inspector General.

Under Secty.
Submitted.
The previous papers are with you.
The G P B were asked to give a days notice when removal was desired.
They acknowledged this communication but nothing further has been received since.
T J Smith
Acting D.I.G.
4:7:19

C.I. Cork.

The files in connection with this case are with Gov^t^.

The G. P. Board have been asked to give us a days notice in the event of this prisoner being removed from Cork to Mountjoy & I am afraid this is all we can tell you at present.

W. M. Davies
D.I.G.

2.7.19

24775/S
C.S. 24/6

24822/S
as to guards
G.O.C. 30/6

County Inspector's Office,
Cork July 3, 1919

Read & copied.
E.M. Clayton
C.I.

Under Secretary
The last report in reference to this prisoner's removal 24822/S was referred by Chief Secretary to the G.O.C. in C on 30th ult. re Military guard. Insp. Genl for Mountjoy. WM 5/7

Will G.O.C. in C. kindly say how this matter stands.
[illegible] 7/7

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No.....................

General Prisons Board for Ireland.

DUBLIN CASTLE.

SUBJECT.	MINUTE.

MOUNTJOY PRISON.

Protection necessary while prisoner Markievicz is detained there.

~~Col. Johnstone,~~

C.S.

Submitted – In view of Col: Johnstone's report the addl. guard which is asked for can hardly be provided by the D.M.P. and you may perhaps deem it well to ask the G.O.C. in C. to supply a military guard in the special circumstances of the case.

[initials] 23/6

I do not think that this prisoner ~~Sh~~ can be transferred to England as she was not tried by C.M. I will approach the M.A. I.M. 28/6/19

Under Secretary
Submitted.
W.W. [signature]

Resubmit on 26/6
[initials] 24/6

Under Secretary,

In reply to your minute of the 21st instant on file attached, it will be necessary while this prisoner remains at Mountjoy Prison to guard both the Male Prison and the Female Prison there. The present guard is provided in respect of the Male Prison only and is insufficient for the two prisons.

It will be necessary to provide a certain number of Police to protect the walls of the Female Prison while this prisoner is at exercise. At night requirements may be met by an increase in the Military Guard.

In view of the difficulty of the Commissioner of Police in regard to providing men, it is suggested that the question of the removal of this prisoner out of the country might be considered.

Max S. Green

CHAIRMAN.

23rd June, 1919.

24822 SECRET.

Under Secretary

Resubmitted.

I understand the removal of this lady from Cork has not yet been carried out.

26/6

C.S.

Submitted for ~~sig~~ direction as to reply of G.O.C. to your communication

26/6

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS IRELAND
30 JUN. 1919
No.
KILMAINHAM, DUBLIN.

G.O.C. will think that we should take every possible precaution to insure the safe custody of this prisoner. Can you help?

J.M.

27/6/19.

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23 JUN 1919
GENERAL ... BOARD
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SECRET.
DUBLIN POLICE
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21. 6. 1919

Secret

Subject

The Governor of Mountjoy Prison asks for a Police Guard outside the Prison night & day during Madame Marcewicz's stay there

Under Secretary ... 31

I attach a request from the Governor of H.M. Prison Mountjoy for a Police Guard outside the Female Prison night & day during the stay of Madame Marcewicz there!

At the present time no less than 60 men of this Force, or ⅓ of D Division, are employed at Mountjoy to the very serious detriment of the Policing of the City generally.

This extra guard, even if it were possible or desirable to supply it, would have to consist of at least twenty five men, in four relieves - or 100 in all. In other words the whole of D Division would be required to supply the Governor with the protection he asks for!!

The duty is of course one essentially for the Military -

It appears to me that the proper place from which to guard a Prison or any other building is from the inside.

Any guard, Military or Police, placed outside Mountjoy

Press Board
For your observations
Please. Do you consider the existing police guard insufficient?
J. T. 21/6/19

would be most unnecessarily exposed to sniping from across the Canal.

It is unfortunate that this woman's sentence is to be served in Dublin.

Here she will be surrounded by her constituents & by the extreme section of the Citizen Army & her presence will be a fruitful source of unrest in the City.

W. L. Johnstone

CC. 21/6/19

Form 11.
A.D.

(1204.) Wt.1259— .20,000.5/18.A.T.&Co.,Ltd.(Sch. 138.).

S.E C R E T .

From the GOVERNOR,

H. M. PRISON, Mountjoy.

21st.June, 19 19.

To

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The Chief Commissioner,

D.M.Police,Dublin Castle.

By order of The Lords Justices Constance G.Marckievicz is to be removed from Cork Female Prison to this Prison,and I beg to request that a strong guard may be placed on the outside of the Female Prison day and night while this woman is in custody in order to prevent the possibility of her escape by outside assistance.

I shall inform you in due course when I have received an intima--tion of her departure from Cork.

Governor.

4714
23 JUN 1919
GENERAL
PRISONS BOARD

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Secret

R. I. C Office
Dublin Castle

The Chairman
General Prisons Board.

Under Secretary
Submitted with reference to your letter of 19th inst to Superintendent Cork Female Prison –
The Board suggest that no action be taken to carry out the transfer until the arrangements for the protection of Mountjoy Prison be completed.
Max S. Green
23. 6. 19

The Inspector General has been informed by Government that the Countess Markievicz at present undergoing 4 months imprisonment in Cork Female Prison is to be transferred from there to Mountjoy. He has made tentative arrangements for the transfer, & will be obliged if you will inform him on what date it is proposed to carry it out.

The Inspector General requests that a days notice of the date may be given him to enable him to complete his arrangements.

W. M. Davies.
D. I. G

24. 6. 19

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Under Secretary. 35

As I telephoned to Mr. Doolin to-day, the Chief Secretary approves of the second course. The Countess Markievicz is a duly elected Member of Parliament, and this is the first occasion on which she has had the opportunity of addressing her constituents, and the meetings are regarded as part of the election proceedings.

In telephoning I mentioned that if any disturbance arose the Chief Secretary is available here and is ready to give immediate directions.

S. W.

15th March, 1919.

W.A.
28/3.

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Telephonic communication from Mr Watt at D.O.

11.30 am 15 - 3 - 19.

(in substance)

"Regarding the proposed meeting in Beresford Place
" today the C S approves of the course proposed
" as a second alternative
" by the Chief Commissioner and recommended by
" the Under Secretary, namely that the Police
" should not actively interfere with those persons
" wearing uniform but should endeavour to
" ascertain ~~take~~ the names and addresses of all such
" persons and proceed against them afterwards.
" The Chief Secretary's reason for approving this
" course is that Countess Markievicz is
" a duly elected M.P. and this is the first
" occasion on which she has had an opportunity
" of addressing her constituents. The C.S therefore
" regards this meeting as a continuation of
" the Election proceedings."

The C.S. wishes to be informed by phone today of any serious developments.

W Doolin
15. 3. 19.

I Phoned to U.S. at Lodge.
II Phoned to CC/DMP at GHQ 11.45 am
III Copies of this minute sent to US & CC/DMP. WD 15/3/19.

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S. 689 D.M.P.

Telegrams: "DAMP, DUBLIN."
Telephone No. 22.

DUBLIN METROPOLITAN POLICE.

Detective Department,

SECRET.

Dublin, 14th March, 1919.

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Subject COUNTESS MARKIEVICZ - RETURN TO DUBLIN.

I beg to state that a public reception is being organised by the Republican Party and Citizen Army to Countess Markievicz on her arrival in Dublin from the Mail Boat, Kingstown, about 6 p.m. on Saturday next, 15th instant.

There will be a demonstration in Beresford Place, and afterwards a procession will be formed and march from there through the principal thoroughfares to New Street where the Countess will address her constituents.

This, it is said, is being worked up on very elaborate lines, and it is quite probable the Sinn Fein Volunteers will take advantage of the occasion by wearing uniform and marching in military formation.

Owen Bren
Superintendent.

The CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

Under Secretary

The arrival of Madame Markievicz tomorrow afternoon will no doubt be fully exploited by the S. Fein Party - Arms are not likely to be carried openly but it is almost certain that a large number of the Irish Volunteers, Citizen Army & Boy Scouts will turn out in uniform probably carrying hurleys -

The question arises as to what action the Police should take -

To effect arrests for this offence in face of the big crowds likely to be present would result in serious conflicts in all probability -

In view of the heavy DMP leave list I cannot muster a sufficient Police Reserve to carry out such arrests without Military support - If Government decides to take strong action arrangements must be made to have military forces on the spot to support the Police - The other alternatives are (1) To prohibit the meetings at Beresford Place & New Street under G.A. D.O.R.A. & also the contemplated procession & to prevent forcibly any attempt to defy the Proclamation - (2) To note the names etc of as many as possible of those wearing uniform & to arrest them subsequently at their residences

P.T.O.

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the fact that those wearing Uniform are likely to be mixed up amongst the crowds & not together in a compact body makes effective action more difficult –

The Military & Police would have to concentrate at Rutland Place for action as once the Procession started it would be almost impossible to cope with it effectively –

If the numbers wearing uniform are very small & that no arms are carried I would not recommend drastic action –

W. E. Johnstone
CC 14/3/19

Immediate

The Chief Secretary

Submitted for directions –

The reception of the released internees has so far, fallen very flat and aroused no Enthusiasm or Excitement of any moment – because, I think, the Government ignored them –

I ~~think~~ support the adoption of the Second course recommended by the Chief Commr – whose men may be relied on to have the names & addresses of any prominent persons appearing in the procession in uniform,

If the meeting is prohibited & it & the procession are suppressed by force, the result wd. inevitably be the holding of a number of small & Excited meetings all round the city. Decision by telegraph Early tomorrow morning is requested

[illegible] 14/3

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Secret

Any reply should be addressed to
"The Secretary,
"General Post Office,
"Dublin,"
and the following number quoted :—

7649/18.

GENERAL POST OFFICE, DUBLIN.

28th February 1919.

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Sir,

I have to forward herewith, for disposal by the Under Secretary, a letter addressed to Madame de Markievicz.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. G. Jreathe[?]

Secretary.

Forward to the Governor of the Prison where this woman is interned.

[signature]
3/3/19.

The Under Secretary,
Dublin Castle.

Desp[?] 3/3

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Registered No. 7649/19.

Any reply should bear this number, and should be addressed :—

"The Secretary,
"General Post Office,
"Dublin."

GENERAL POST OFFICE, DUBLIN.

24th January 1919.

Sir,

I have to forward herewith for disposal by the Under Secretary two letters addressed to Countess Markievicz, M.P.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J.G. Smythe

Secretary.

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Forward to the Governor of the Prison as usual

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The Under Secretary,
Dublin Castle.

22631 SECRET.

Registered No. 7649/18.

Any reply should bear this number,
and should be addressed :—

"The Secretary,
"General Post Office,
"Dublin."

GENERAL POST OFFICE, DUBLIN.

10th January 1919.

Sir,

I have to forward herewith for disposal by the Under Secretary a letter addressed to Madame de Markievicz.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

S. G. Smythe

Secretary.

Under Secretary
Submitted. The letter is from a soldier on active service. [illegible] 13/1

The letter shd be forwarded to the Governor of the Prison for delivery or not as the regulations permit. [illegible] 13/1

The Under Secretary,
Dublin Castle.

Desptd. [illegible] 15/1

R. I. CONSTABULARY OFFICE DUBLIN CASTLE

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6th December, 1918.

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Dear Madam,

I am in receipt of your undated letter regarding your sister, the Countess Markievicz, which I shall submit to the Chief Secretary as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

(Sd.) S.W.

U.S.

[illegible] 6/12/18

Miss Eva Gore Booth.

Under Secretary
submitted. No
further reply at present
seems necessary. W.M. 9/12

22192/5

33, FITZROY SQUARE,
W.

Dear Sir

May I ask you to let me know if any decision has been arrived at to the continued imprisonment of my sister Charlotte Mackenzie. She has been in prison 6 months now. The fact of there being no legal limit to the term of her imprisonment owing to the absence of any

form of trial is a cause of great anxiety to her relatives & friends.

Under the circumstances I trust you may be willing to accede to my request for the information which is granted without question in the ordinary course of things to every convicted person in the land.

Yr. faithfully

Eva Gore Booth

SSIGS

21319/S

11th October 1918

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 19th ultimo (316,818/73), respecting the application of Miss Eva Gore Booth of 33 Fitzroy Square, London, for permission to visit her sister, the Countess Markievicz at Holloway Prison, I have to request you to inform the Secretary of State that the Chief Secretary approves of such a visit, subject to the usual undertaking.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

W. J. Connolly.

The Under Secretary of State,

Home Office,

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Please quote reference No.

316,818/73.

HOME OFFICE
WHITEHALL
S.W.1.

19th September, 1918.

Dear Mr. Watt,

I think you may like to know that we have been informed (on 16th. September) by the Governor of Holloway Prison that Mrs. Kathleen Clarke and the Countess Markievicz decline to receive visits from their friends and relatives, if their visitors have to sign the usual undertaking, a copy of which I enclose. (not received)

On the 14th September, Miss Eve Gore Booth of 33, Fitzroy Square W. applied to the Home Secretary for permission to visit her sister, the Countess Markievicz at Holloway. Would you kindly say whether the Chief Secretary would approve of such a visit, subject to the usual undertaking? A

Mr. Waller is away on leave, and during his absence I shall be dealing with this branch of his work.

Yours truly,

C. A. Hunt.

S. Watt, Esquire.
Dublin Castle.

U.S.

Under Secretary
Submitted. The Countess is not entitled to a visit until the 19th Nov. 3 months from last visit 19th Aug. The undertaking cannot be dispensed with. WHH 30/9.

As to "A"

21/9/18

C.S.

30/9

A. Yes
1.10.18

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Note to W.O. in accordance with the Chief Secretary's decision

9.10.18

Rec.d 11/10

Done & dispd 11/10

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(34)Wt.6369—550.2000.12/17.A.T.&Co.,Ltd.
(47)Wt.8137—586.2000.2/18.

No. 20888/5

Chief Secretary's Office, Ireland.

JUDICIAL DIVISION.

SUBJECT.	MINUTE.
Letter from Home Office enclosing report of conversation at visit recently paid by Miss Gore Booth to Countess Markievicz in Holloway Prison Report to be returned —	Under Secretary Submitted W. H. 27. viii. 18. Chief Secretary. To see. J. H. 27.8.18 [signature] 3.9.'18 ~~File~~. Return report to H.O. W. H. 4/9. Done J. L. 5/9 Despd J. H. D. 5/9

20888/S

5th September 1918.

Sir,

I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant to return herewith as requested the report of the conversation between Miss Gore Booth and Countess Markievicz in Holloway Prison which accompanied your letter of the 22nd ultimo (316,818/70).

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. J. Taylor

The Under Secretary of State,

Home Office,

London, S.W. 1.

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Any communication on the subject of this letter should be addressed to :—

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
HOME OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W. 1,

and the following number quoted :—

HOME OFFICE,
WHITEHALL.

316818/70. August 22nd. 1918.

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Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary of State to forward to you herewith, to be laid before the Chief Secretary, a report of the conversation at the visit recently paid by Miss Gore Booth to Countess Markievicz in Holloway Prison. I am to request that you will be so good as to return it.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

H L Walker.

The Under Secretary,
Dublin Castle,
Ireland.

(Copy)

H. M. Prison,

HOLLOWAY. 20. 8. 18.

Sir,

I beg to state for your information that I supervised a visit between Reg. No. 7140 Countess Markievictz and Miss Gore Booth on the 19th instant, the conversation being as follows:-

Account of arrest, being brought to England by military escort with fixed bayonets and loaded revolvers, and the order to shoot if attempt to escape, how the dog Poppet was taught to strafe everything English on the journey over, and the dogs whereabouts to-day, list of articles required for sketching, whether cheque had been received for £20 sent over a fortnight ago, the answer being in the negative, to badger the Censor as to why letters were held up so, and enquiry to be made as to why male interned prisoners were allowed much larger sheets of writing paper than the female.

Once or twice the Countess commenced talking about the Government and Irish questions, and on my checking her and requesting her to keep to personal matters, the visitor herself said, I have given a promise not to talk of these matters, and each time the former tried to bring vexed questions in, the same answer was given.

I remain,

Yours respectfully,

L.M. Griest. G.1.

To

The Governor.

Mr. Waller, A.H.W. 21/8

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Registered No. 7649/18.

Any further letter should bear this number, and should be addressed to—

"The Secretary,
"General Post Office,
"Dublin."

GENERAL POST OFFICE, DUBLIN.

19th June 1918.

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Sir,

I have to forward herewith for disposal by the Under Secretary two postal packets addressed "Madame la Comtesse Markiewicz, Dublin".

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. MacMahon

Secretary.

Under Secretary
Submitted
These cuttings from the French Press may be forwarded in the usual way. WPH 20/6

WPB

Send them under cover addressed C/o Chief Postal Censor etc
WPH 21/6

The Under Secretary for Ireland,
Dublin Castle.

Despd JDD 21/6.

Speech made by Countess Markievicz outside Dr. Kathleen Lynn's house at Rathmines 21. June 1917.

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HEAD QUARTERS, IRISH COMMAND,
26 JUN. 1917
No G. 2600/i
PARKGATE, DUBLIN.

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Under Secretary

Submitted for information.

[illegible]
Major
[illegible]

Under Secretary

Submitted to see the attached notes which are not given in the Police report of the proceedings. [illegible] 27/6

W.P.B.

L.L. W. 28. 6. 17

C.S.

H.E.D 29/6/17

✓ [illegible]

Speech of COUNTESS MARKIEVICZ on 21-6-17. Heard and noted by an* Officer of the General Staff, Irish Command.

"I thank you more than I can say for the welcome back to Dublin that you have given to me - I find Ireland rebel at last - (loud cheers).

We shall all go on working until Ireland is Free once more (loud and prolonged cheers and shouts).

I will now only say goodnight to you but we will meet again - to-morrow - the next day - and every day - and we will all go on working until we die and until Ireland is a Republic".

HEAD QUARTERS, IRISH COMMAND,
26 JUN. 1917
No.....
PARKGATE, DUBLIN.

* Lt. Col. Blackburne.
This speech was made outside Dr. Kathleen Lynn's house at Rathmines.

The following Resolution was passed by the Committee of the Irish Women's Franchise League on the 19th inst—

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RESOLUTION.

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"Whereas the Irish Women's Franchise League has always vigorously upheld the principle of equal treatment for men and women political prisoners, we desire to enter a strong protest against the denial of political status to Madame De Markievicz, the woman political prisoner in Aylesbury Jail, and demand that, pending her release, she shall be accorded the privileges due to a political prisoner."

13343/S attached

Memo.
Has been ack'd on 10595 from which it has been detached

W.N.O.
5/6

13343/S

I ack.

II Papers please.

I. Done 25/1

II Herewith JL

A.P.M. 25/1

COMMON ROOM,
GRAY'S INN.

23 January 1917

Dear Mr Duke,

I have received an acknowledgment of my letter of the 17th from Mr Magilll. I have really nothing essential to add. It was purely personal what I intended to tell you, and we may leave it unsaid. The Kaiser's sneer at the "fate of the Irish" concerns the Government, and what the Allies may think about it-- all this is in safe hands, yours; the only thing that concerns me is to submit an humble prayer for the release of the Countess Marckievicx, on the ground of ill health. The Gore-Booths

CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE 2205 - 26 JAN. 1917

Under Secy.

I hardly think it is necessary to take any further action on this.

A.P.M. 27/1.

I do agree.

W.P.B. 27.1

Mr Magill

A.W.L. 29/1

A.P.M.

are no more rebels than I am, or than you are, or than Mrs Pankhurst is, or Annie Kenny.

I may add that I am prepared to offer all my wealth and my head to boot as a guarantee for her good behaviour in the future.

Yours truly

J. F. Cunningham

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22 JAN. 1917

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DUBLIN CASTLE.

19th January, 1917.

CHIEF SECRETARY'S
1664 - 20 JAN 1917
OFFICE

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Dear Sir,

I am desired by the Chief Secretary to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th instant, and to say that he expects to be in Ireland for some time, but he will be glad to consider any statement which you may wish to forward to him.

Despd. 19/1

Yours faithfully,

(Sd.) ARM.

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ARM.
19/1/17.

J. F. Cunningham, Esq,
Common Room,
Gray's Inn, W.C.

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20.1.17

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COMMON ROOM,
GRAY'S INN.
W. C.
17th January 1917.

Dear Mr Duke,

Please let me see you for a few minutes, when you have a spare moment, in regard to the release of the Countess Marckievics, a Sinn Feiner now serving a Life Sentence. There is a particular reason I wish to submit to you personally that I cannot put on paper.

I have been engaged on this case for over two months, and I submitted an informal petition to the Irish Authorities, before your time, and the Lords Justices decided that the law must take

its course. I expected that, in fact the Lords Justices could only go by the Law, but in applying to you there is something higher--Administration.

Her family, the Gore-Booths, are prominent people in the West, and now that you have released those who were interned,--all Nationalists--I am begging this as a concession to a family of Unionists.

I appeal, however, more to the necessities of Administration. You must have seen in the Kaiser's recent note that he plays Ireland as a trump card against the Allies: "Look at the fate of the Irish people" he exclaims before Europe,--before the world, and when a Peace Conference assembles you may be certain that Ireland will be the one great shot in his locker. In the case of the interned Sinn Feiners you waited till the exposure in the House of Commons, now, in regard to the others do not wait till you are pressed in Parliament. You see what capital the Kaiser is making out of it, and it is really humiliating before all Europe that England who as a matter of fact has no real quarrel with Ireland, who has nothing to gain by the state of things that exists, should be placarded before Europe as inflicting a miserable fate on the people of Ireland. It is not fair to the Allies that England should supply the Kaiser with the first shot in his locker. For Goodnesssake have an end of it. Your predecessors could not have done it, being declared Party men, but you can settle Ireland once and for all, and when I come to write that chapter of the Irish history I shall know how to dwell on the part you have taken. The Irish question is not all contained in the small matter of a few prisoners,--you can clear all that up by a stroke of the pen, but go one better than that. Take that shot out of the Kaiser's locker. Let him find material elsewhere than in the "fate of the people of Ireland."

What I wish to say to you personally on the subject of the release of the Countess Marckviecz is quite another matter.

I am only an humble Barrister, but I have had 21 years under the Colonial Office, and if you listen to the words I offer, you will listen to the words of a man who has grown grey in the service of the Empire.

Yours truly,

J. F. Cunningham.

REGISTERED
12 JAN. 1917

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Any further communication on the subject of this letter should be addressed to—

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
HOME OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.

and the following number quoted—

316,818/11.

HOME OFFICE,
WHITEHALL.

8th January, 1917.

Sir,

With reference to Mr. Magill's letter of the 28th ultimo addressed to Mr. Harris of this Office in the case of Constance de Markievicz, I am directed by the Secretary of State to say, for the information of the Lord Lieutenant, that it is impossible to organize a 'woman's Side' at Lewes Prison to enable this prisoner to associate with the Trish male prisoners. She has all the other privileges of the male prisoners and the length of her visits has been extended to three quarters of an hour.

I am to add that the statement that the prisoner is living in the atmosphere and conversation of a brothel is untrue.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

E. Blackwell

The Under Secretary,
Dublin Castle.

Under Secy
I annex copies of my letter & enclosures. a.P.M. 18/1.

Lay by with File
W.P.B. 19.1.17

E.C.

COPY.

28/12/16.

Dear Harris,

The Chief Secretary asked me to send on enclosed letter from Captain White for the consideration of the Secretary of State.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) A. P. MAGILL.

COPY.

Greyhound Hotel,
HAMPTON COURT.
Dec. 21st.

Dear Mr. Duke,

I don't like presuming so soon on the interview you were good enough to give me, but the matter in question is one in which I would be more than sorry to miss any chance. I met yesterday Miss Eva Gore-Booth (Countess Markievicz's sister) who gave me the enclosed statement about her sister.

Countess Markievicz is one of my greatest friends and in many ways one of the finest women that ever breathed. It's horrible to think of her in the surroundings she now is, when but for her sex she would immediately have the privilege of associating with decent and sympathetic people granted to the men, a privilege nominally covering her too. What they want for her is that she should, if possible, be removed to Lewes so that she can be with the other Irish convicted prisoners. She does not want the "privilege" of free association with her present fellow-prisoners, in case the authorities think that would cover the mitigation now supposed to be extended to her.

I hope you will excuse my writing to you and try to help her. I am sure that Ireland would appreciate her being treated chivalrously.

I am,
Sir,
Yours truly,
(Signed) J. R. WHITE.

CONSTANCE DE MARKIEVICZ is the only one of the Irish Rebel convict prisoners who is not to receive the benefit of the most important of the late Home Secretary's concessions, and this, notwithstanding the fact that she was on the list published by the Home Secretary of those who would benefit by these privileges. She is not to have the chief and most valuable privilege of association and conversation at stated intervals with other Irish prisoners, not because of any faulty conduct on her part, but because she is a woman. To overcome the practical difficulty may need a little commonsense adjustment on the part of the authorities, but surely in view of the suffering involved in the present state of things for this prisoner it is not too much to hope that the Home Office will make the necessary arrangements to carry out the Home Secretary's pledge.

ISOLATION is the worst part of the punishment of prison life and since last May this prisoner has had more of it than any of the others as she has been debarred from even a chance word with her fellows, there being no other Irish prisoners in the same building as herself. The company she has been restricted to ever since her arrest has been that of the dregs of the population. She has had no one to speak to except prostitutes who have been convicted for murder or violence, and the atmosphere and conversation in which she has lived all this time has been "the atmosphere and conversation of a brothel." Add to this the fact of the terrible experiences she went through in May when she was shut up in Kilmainham waiting for her sentences. She lay awake all night, night after night, till dawn when, each morning, some of her friends were shot under her window. It is perhaps hard for those who have not been through these things to understand, but the fact that two volleys were often necessary to kill them seems to have added a crowning touch of agony to the situation. However strong a person's spirit may be it is surely impossible such experiences should not tell terribly on their nerves, especially when followed by seven months loneliness and separation not only from friends and sympathizers but from ordinary human companionship.

CONSTANCE DE MARKIEVICZ is still full of courage and endurance, and no special favour is asked for her more than for the others; but surely, nobody, however much they might disapprove of her actions in the past, could wish her to be refused (because of a small practical inconvenience) the precious solace of sympathetic companionship and conversation which will rob prison of half its horrors for the men who received the same sentence as herself.

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(1858.) Wt.5333—66.4000.12/14.A.T.&Co.,Ltd.
(6559.) Wt.3103—96.20,000.8/15.

Telegrams: "DAMP, DUBLIN."
Telephone No. 22.

DUBLIN METROPOLITAN POLICE.

Detective Department,

SECRET.

Dublin, 26th September 1916.

Subject, CONSTANCE MARKIEVICZ REMOVED TO H.M.PRISON, AYLESBURY.

With reference to the annexed File, I beg to state that on the 7th August,'16. accompanied by Constable Hoey and a Matron from Mountjoy Prison, I was handed over the above named to be conveyed to H. M. P., Aylesbury, England.

Immediately after leaving the Prison in a Taxi Cab, the prisoner recognised three women standing at the corner of Berkeley Road, and she threw out one of her gloves to them.

I understand the gloves were only given to her immediately before starting, and that it would be impossible for her to have such a thing as a "Message to the Rebels" in her glove or on her person when she was handed over to me, and it was only about one minute afterwards the incident occurred. I am of opinion that it was merely bravado on her part to make such a statement, as she is very much given in that way.

The woman Prole mentioned in the conversation, is Maria Perolz, who was arrested after the Rebellion and interned at Lewes,

The Supt. G. Division.

The Under Secretary

Submitted —

W E Johnstone
CC 26/9/16

Asst Under Secretary
WPC 27/9/16

Seen EJ 27.9.16

WMG

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Lewes, England.

The name of the girl mentioned is Lizzie Anne Kempston, her mother lives at 3, Block, 8, Golden Lane, and has a small shop at 14, said Lane. Her father is in the Army, and is at present serving in France, she has also a brother in the army.

After the Rebellion this girl went to Liverpool, and sailed from there on the 1st July for New York en route to Sanfrancisco where she has some friends

John Byrne.
Detective Sergeant.

Submitted.
Vivers Bruen
Supt 26/9

The Chief Commr

Mr Connolly

Scut

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D.M.P.

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1. Note of my suggestion to Sir Edward Troup:

Dear Sir Edward Troup

I am obliged for the report of an interview between Countess Markievicz and Mrs Gore Booth, ~~[illegible]~~ forwarded to me by Sir Robert Chalmers. It may be that useful information may be obtained by inquiries on the lines suggested by the conversation and in the case of future visits to this lady the Govt [illegible] I should be glad that no obstacle be placed in the way of discussion of the Rebellion it being understood that

A similar report can be made of anything stated that might be of interest to the Govt.

E.J.
18.9.16

2. For minuting & report of Chief Comr.

E.J.

Supt. G.

For report. "Crole" is of course Madame Perolz?

W.L.J.
CC 18/9/16

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SECRET.

DUBLIN CASTLE,

18th September, 1916.

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Dear Sir Edward Troup,

I am obliged for the report of an interview between Countess Markievicz and Miss Gore Booth, forwarded to me by Sir Robert Chalmers.

It may be that useful information may be obtained by inquiries on the lines suggested by the conversations, and in the case of future visits to this lady the Irish Government would be glad that no obstacle be placed in the way of discussion of the Rebellion, it being understood that a similar report can be made of anything stated that might be of interest to the Government.

Yours very truly,

E. O'Farrell

Sir Edward Troup, K.C.B.
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Dear Sir,

I am desired by Sir Edward Troup to send you herewith a copy of a report which has been received from the Prison Commissioners on an interview between Countess Markievicz and her sister Miss Gore-Booth, who was accompanied by a Miss Roper. The interview took place at Aylesbury Prison on the 4th instant. Sir Edward would be glad to know whether, in the case of future visits, the Irish Government would wish the discussion of questions ~~of~~ connected with the Irish Rebellion to be forbidden.

I may add that Countess Markievicz will not be entitled to another visit for nearly four months.

Yours very truly,

George Crystal

The Right Honourable
Sir Robert Chalmers, G.C.B.

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H. M. Prison Aylesbury. 6. 9. 1916.

q. 12 C. G. Markievicz

4.5.16. Ct. Martial Dublin.

Taking part in armed rebellion etc.

Death commuted to P. S. for life.

I beg to forward herewith a report from my officer who was in charge of prisoner when visited on the 4th inst by her sister Miss Gore-Booth, and a friend Miss Roper.

The woman named "Prole" in the report, is probably identical with Probz - a person who is often referred to in letters written by the Irish Interned Prisoners.

2 Probz

Instructions are requested as to whether the Irish Rebellion question is to be discussed at future visits.

(Signed) W. H. Winder

Governor.

The Directors.

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H. M. Prison,
Aylesbury,
6.9.16.

Sir,

I beg to state for your information that on the 4th Inst. when q 12 C.G. Markievicz was being visited by Miss Gore Booth and Miss Roper the following statements were made by Markievicz.

She said she knew there would be pickets outside Mountjoy, therefore she had a note written and concealed in her glove. The note was a message to the rebels. When the cab drove out of the prison she saw three friends and threw the glove out of the window to them.

Miss Gore Booth said she knew about the glove and that it had been cut up and distributed amongst her friends.

During the conversation a woman named Prole ? was continually mentioned as having been of very great assistance to Markievicz.

A short time before the Revolution Markievicz had promised to address a meeting. When the date of the meeting arrived, the leaders would not allow Markievicz to go as it was too near the time of the Revolution; she thereupon wrote a seditious speech, dressed Prole in some of her clothing and sent her to deliver the speech, and explain the reason of her absence.

She asked Miss Gore Booth to be sure and give Prole a certain dress of hers, Markievicz's, and to tell her that she was to wear it, it was "Elijah's Mantle". Prole was to be sure and "keep things going and keep the clique together".

Markievicz said all the business transactions were done by messengers, they were afraid to trust to letters. One of the chief messengers was Lucy Kenstone or Kempstone who was her "right

hand". She gave her sister instructions to find this girl Kenstone who lives in Pyles Buildings, and she was to let Markievicz know what she is doing and if she is alright. I think she meant financially.

She also told her sister that Conelly went away for a fortnight, and it was feared that he did not intend to come back, but if he had not returned, Markievicz was quite ready and would have started the Revolution herself. Markievicz said she was most anxious to see some of the crowd, and told her sister to bring one at a time when she visited her. She also wants to see her daughter May, but fears that obstacles will be put in the way on account of the girl's age, but her sister is to remove these obstacles at any cost.

Markievicz said she thought the girls must have played a very deep game, for all "those who mattered" were released a day or two after they were arrested.

She said if any assistance were needed, her sister should send a messenger to a man named Devoy, America, mentioning her name. Miss Gore Booth read extracts from letters, messages from various people.

The conversation throughout the visit was principally relative to the Revolution.

I am, Sir,

Yours obedientally,

(Signed) E. W. Sharp Pl.Matron.

To
The Governor.

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Subject

Arrest of the Countess Marcovicz

The Under Secretary

Referring to our interview today I have issued the following instructions with regard to the arrest of the Countess Marcovicz in case she attempts to evade the Order of the G.O.C. forbidding her entry into the County of Kerry –

No arrest to be made in Dublin –

If she travels with an armed party one of our detectives will travel with her & warn the D.I.C. at Kildare that no arrest is to be effected.

If she travels without escort 4 detectives will accompany her & assist the R.I.C. at Kildare to effect

Under Secretary
Submitted.
W. [illegible]
25. iii. 16.

Put with paper ~~handed to Major Price~~ on which I noted my instructions.

M.N.
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the arrest.

It is highly probable that she will attempt to join the train at some intermediate station

W. L. [illegible]
ce 25/8/16

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