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GESTURE of PRISONERS' SINCERITY

The following statement from the protesting prisoners in Long Kesh has been supplied to this office:

"We received word from the prison regime yesterday, Saturday 10th January, that the British government intends making a positive move to begin ending the Blanket and No-Wash protest early this week.

"We view the proposed move with acute cynicism, given the treacherous manner in which the British government has handled the protest, especially since the ending of the hunger strike.

"However, as a gesture of our sincerity in wishing to end the protest in a principled fashion, we have agreed that all prisoners, affected by this proposed move, will not soil their cells for such a period of time as will facilitate the process which has been outlined to us.

"We repeat what we said on December 19th, the day after the hunger strike ended, that the ending of the Blanket and No-Wash protest depends upon a sincere and responsible attitude from the British government.

Signed: P.R.O.
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