

Dear Doctor Haass

On the 5th February 1992 during one of the worst periods of sustained violence in the conflict in the north of Ireland five people were murdered by the UDA/UFF in Sean Graham's Bookmaker's shop on the Lower Ormeau Road in south Belfast.

On behalf of those who were killed that day Peter Magee, Jack Duffin, Christie Doherty, Willie McManus and James Kennedy we would ask you to give consideration to our submission and the report that was compiled into the atrocity.

Our families have still not had a proper investigation into the death of our loved ones. There was never any proper investigation carried out by the RUC as to the circumstances that lead to the murder of our relatives. Indeed any investigation by the RUC could not have been effective or independent given the fact that there was collusion between the RUC and the loyalists who carried out these killings

The families of those killed at Sean Graham's Bookmakers shop commissioned **Relatives for Justice** to compile a report into the killings of their loved ones. This report **Sean Graham's Bookmaker's shop Atrocity** was published in February 2012 in the hope that it would assist the families' struggle for justice. The report by Relatives for Justice provides a compelling argument for a full public examination of the arming and controlling of the UDA/UFF through state run agents. We have attached a copy of the report for your attention.

Dealing with the past to date has been a failed and traumatic process for the families of those killed in the Bookmakers that day. We have never been afforded a proper effective investigation by the RUC into the death of our family members. The Historical Enquiries Team (HET), which comes under the responsibility of the PSNI, has also failed to carry out an independent investigation into the Bookmaker's killings. After twenty one years the families are still no closer to the truth. We feel that we cannot fully deal with the death of our loved ones and begin to look forward to a future. We hope that through the Haass Panel talks that you will come to the conclusion that we need a new mechanism to deal with the past that is totally independent from both the PSNI and the British state.

Yours sincerely

The families of those who were murdered in Sean Graham's Bookmakers Ormeau Road Belfast on the 5th February 1992