**Eamon de Valera Casement Papers at UCD List**

**P150 (extract)**

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Three key items obtained –

P150/3602 Black and white photograph of Mrs. [Katye, Kate, Katje 2nd wife of Tom) Casement taken in [October 1953] (12cm x 8cm) (15 September 1965–17 November 1966).

P150/3602 Portrait photograph of Agnes Casement Newman ‘Roger Casement’s only sister’ mounted and inscribed to de Valera ([6] March 1927, 10cm x 15cm excluding mount, 17cm x 25cm including mount).

P150/3608 Five sides or items – 3 letters, a note and a press cutting: 7 January 1966 from Kevin MacDonnell to President de Valera, 18 January reply from Taoiseach’s secretary, 22 January 1966 reply from MacDonnell, a news clipping and a note.5 sheets of ‘Correspondence between President de Valera and Kevin McDonnell [actually MacDonnell], London on McDonnell’s discovery that the ‘Tricolour flag that flew over the GPO during Easter Week is in the vaults of the Imperial War Museum’ and his suggestion that an official request be made for its return; and disclosures about the fabrication of the Casement diaries–‘I was informed by an ex-British Naval Intelligence source, whose name I cannot reveal, that the Casement Diaries were fabricated by his chief, Admiral Hall. He has had the matter on his conscience ever since and though he has great respect for Hall in all other ways he feels this was an evil piece of work’ (7–22 January 1966, 4 items, 1p each).20 items 3609 [5 July 1952]’ P150/3608

ROGER CASEMENT

File on Tawin Irish language summer school. De Valera was Director of the Irish language summer school on the island of Tawin, Co. Galway, between 19[10] and 191[2]. Sir Roger Casement was Patron of the school and visited it in summer 1912. Includes copies of letters to de Valera from Casement, following his visit to Tawin (originals dated 14 August & 1 September 1912, 2 items, 4pp each); handbook produced for the 1913 session of the school (1913, 16pp); holograph draft report by de Valera to the Committee on the past session of the school, the present situation at Tawin, its advantages and disadvantages as a place to host a summer school and the changes necessary to make the school a viable commercial concern (n.d., 5pp); timetable for classes (n.d., 1p); newspaper cuttings on the death of E.R. McClintock Dix, co-founder of the school, Taoiseach de Valera’s visit to Tawin in August 1953 and on the connection between Tawin and Sir Roger Casement (n.d. & 19–25 August 1953, 4 items).

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Typescript note [by Marie O'Kelly] listing the ‘Chief’s illnesses between 1965 and 1970’.1p VIII. Donation of artefacts and documents to libraries and museums, 1935 - 6710811 February 1935–Correspondence and lists relating to artefacts 13 June 1959 and documents presented by de Valera to the National Museum of Ireland. Includes:– copy of ‘List of Items in the Historical Collections, National Museum presented by An Taoiseach (de Valera), or presented through him by others, or presented by the Department of the Taoiseach’ between 1937 and 1945 (post-1945, 2pp);– correspondence between Joseph McGarrity, Joe McGrath, Mrs. Kitty O’Doherty, Michael S.D. Westropp, Keeper, Art and Industrial Division of the National Museum of Ireland, and Kathleen O’Connell, Personal Secretary to de Valera, concerning de Valera’s donation to the National Museum of a trunk of clothes belonging to Sir Roger Casement and a pair of boots worn by de Valera on his trip to America in 1919. The items were sent by Joe McGarrity to Ireland through Joe McGrath and Mrs. Kitty O’Doherty. Includes list of contents of the trunk, an official acknowledgement by the Museum of the donation, and a copy reply from Ms. O’Connell (13 December 1934−18 February 1935, 7 items).

311829 & 30 July 1957

Copy typescript letter from Con Cremin, Irish Embassy in London, to Seán Murphy, Secretary, Department of External Affairs, concerning Michael F. Doyle ‘one of the counsel who defended Casement’, his activities in London in July 1957 and Dr. O’Hara the Apostolic Delegate’s opinion that Mr. Doyle is ‘regarded as being extremely, and indeed extravagantly, given to publicity-seeking and many people think that this is the motive which inspires much of his activity...’. Letter sent by Murphy to Marie O’Kelly.

72325 June 1919–Miscellaneous letters to de Valera mainly from 15 October 1920members of the American public including Irish living in the U.S.A.. Includes:– letter from R[obert] Monteith, East 119th Street, New York, protesting against a ‘dishonest and misleading’ statement relating to Sir Roger Casement and ‘the man in the collapsible boat’ published in The Gaelic American of 29 November 1919 by Daniel T. O’Connell (15 December 1919, 3pp) (see also P150/1190 for documents relating to Casement’s trip to the U.S.A. in 1914 including references to Robert Monteith);

2005370II. Joseph McGarrity, Bond Drive Organiser and Clan na Gael leader, 1914 – 75 11901912–16; 1947

Documents relating to Sir Roger Casement (1864–1916) including correspondence involving Casement; correspondence, telegrams and memoranda relating to Casement’s trip to the U.S.A. in 1914; his connections with Clan na Gael and Joseph McGarrity; his unsuccessful efforts to raise an Irish brigade from among Irish prisoners of war in Germany; and his fundraising in America for the Irish Volunteers through the Irish Volunteer Fund Committee. Includes memoranda on German military and political tactics in the war and on the Irish Brigade stationed at Zossen. Includes references to the Convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians held at Norfolk, Virginia [attended by Casement] and the National Volunteer Convention held in Tuxedo Hall, New York. Also includes references to the sinking of the Lusitania and Sir Roger Casement’s execution on 3 August 1916. Includes: – drafts of [newspaper article or notes] by [Casement] on Germany’s attitude towards Britain and her imminent defeat in the war unless Germany can ‘detach’ Britain from her allies and get her ‘out of the way’ through the efforts of her intelligence services and diplomacy. ‘England’s “island tranquillity” is in gravest danger if her adversary were capable of understanding the position and taking advantage of it...the easiest way to embarrass, to upset, to disintegrate British policy and self-assurance has surely lain through that neglected and remote island...if England is to be seriously hurt it can best be attempted through Ireland’. Comprises handwritten copy of article (original dated 5 September 1914, 16pp) and photocopy (23pp); – handwritten copies of a further [memorandum] by [Casement] following from the above notes of 5 September 1914, advocating the establishment of an Irish Brigade of captured Irish soldiers in Germany and a landing in Ireland. Two copies–copy written in New York (10 September 1914, 16pp) and later copy with note on first page ‘Manuscript by G. (sic) McG. re Germany and England in World War 1’ (26pp); – copy of an ‘old memo I [McGarrity] made from verbal statement given me by T. St. John Gaffney’ concerning Robert Monteith’s [Irish Volunteer Instructor] mission to Germany to assist Casement; Casement’s sending of John McGowie [McGoey] to Ireland and his subsequent capture and execution by the British authorities; Casement’s efforts in Germany to secure arms for the Volunteers and his statement to Gaffney that ‘he would try to stop the rising but doubted his ability to do so’. Marked ‘Copy to Dr. M[cCartan?] to send to Dublin’ ([post April 1916], 1p); – holograph ‘Press interview by Jos McGarrity after Sir Roger’s execution 1916’ ([August] 1916, 2pp).37 items.

192029 February 1925 Holograph letters to de Valera from Donal O’Callaghan declining to serve on a committee as he is hoping to leave the city soon; and conveying news that a ‘London journalist succeeded...in getting hold of Casement’s Diary. He made a copy of it. The fact that he had the Diary was discovered and he was sent for by the Home Secty. The return of the Diary was demanded and secured. Some time later–presumably steps were being taken to get the copy published–he was again sent for. The copy was demanded. He denied having it. He was warned that this was regarded as a very important State Document under the Official Secrets Act. This interview is supposed to have led to the recent official Press paragraph on the matter. This stated that the Hearst people in U.S. have another copy and that they will probably publish it. The kernel of H.’s story was that this London copy could be bought if that were considered advisable.’ Letter declining to serve on the committee in Irish.2 items, 1p each

**II. Roger Casement 360012 – 31 July; [August] 1916**

File on the trial and execution of Sir Roger Casement (1864–1916). Comprises:– photographic reproduction of letter from Fr. F. M. Ryan O.P., Roscrea, Co. Tipperary, to George Gavan Duffy [organiser of Casement’s legal defence], stating ‘Sir Roger Casement saw me in Tralee on the 21st of April and told me he had come to Ireland to stop the rebellion then impending. He asked me to conceal his identity as well as his object in coming until he should have left Tralee, lest any attempt should be made to rescue him. On the other hand he was very anxious that I should spread the news broadcast after he had left’ (original dated 12 July 1916, 1p);– private letter from Sir Edward Carson, 5 Eaton Place, London, to Miss [Eva] Gore-Booth in reply to her letter regarding Sir Roger Casement and stating that he does not remember that any case was put forward at Casement’s trial to the effect that he ‘came to Ireland at the imminent risk to his life in order to stop the Rebellion’, but he will forward her letter to the Attorney-General (12 July 1916, 1p);− handwritten letter from Eva Gore-Booth to the friends of Sir Roger Casement giving his ‘last message to his friends’ (n.d., 1p); − carbon copy statement by Fenner Brockway (see P150/623 for photographs of de Valera’s visit to Lincoln jail in 1950 including prints of de Valera arriving and ringing on the front door of the jail accompanied by Fenner Brockway, M.P.) recalling the occasion on 26 July 1916 when he saw Casement in Pentonville prison. Signed by Brockway (31 July 1916, 1p).4 items 36011916; 1918 Scrapbook of cuttings from Chicago newspapers, mainly on the execution of Sir Roger Casement on 3 August 1916 and the death of John Redmond on 6 March 1918. With Kathleen O’Connell’s name and address on the front cover–‘Kathleen O’Connell 4917 Congress St. Chicago. Austin 18584. 3 May 1916’. 11pp 36021923–66

Documents relating to members of Sir Roger Casement’s family. Comprises:

– carbon copy character reference for ‘Mrs. Casement’ [Kate, Katye, Katje, wife of Roger Casement’s brother Tom] from the Principal of South African College Junior School, Capetown, who worked as an art teacher at the school for nine months (12 October 1923, 1p);

– portrait photograph of Agnes Casement Newman ‘Roger Casement’s only sister’ mounted and inscribed to de Valera ([6] March 1927, 10cm x 15cm excluding mount, 17cm x 25cm including mount);

 – copy letters to Taoiseach de Valera from Kate Casement offering to send him Roger’s ‘ “Ensign Kodak” [camera] with which he took the Putumayo Atrocities. The same he sent me ere leaving our mountain home in Sth. Africa, broken up in 1916 so tragically after which date I never heard from or saw my husband Tom Casement, in spite of writing’ (28 February & 9 March 1953, 2 items, 1p each);– copy letters from Taoiseach de Valera to Dr. S. McAteer, Ballycastle, o. Antrim, seeking ‘the address of Mrs. Moore, the lady...who presented me with some photographs of Roger Casement at Ballycastle, following the Murlough Ceremonies. I wish to write to her to get some further information about the person to whom the photographs were originally given–Mrs. Parry, I think. Mrs. Moore spoke of Roger Casement’s fiancé. I understood that Mrs. Parry was Casement’s cousin. It could of course have been that he was engaged to her when they were younger, before she was married, or later, after she had become a widow’. Two versions, one in Irish (22 & 23 September 1953, 2 items, 1p each);– correspondence between de Valera and Joan M. Stuart, niece of Roger Casement, who presented a pewter matchbox to de Valera (25 July–19 December 1958, 12 items);– correspondence between President de Valera’s Personal Secretary Marie O’Kelly, J.G. Molloy, Irish Ambassador to Britain and Kate Casement mainly relating to Ambassador Molloy’s visit to Mrs. Casement in Park Prewett Hospital, Basingstoke, Hampshire in September 1965 and further contact between Mrs. Casement and de Valera. Includes black and white photograph of Mrs. Casement taken in [October 1953] (12cm x 8cm) (15 September 1965–17 November 1966, 23 items). 41 items 36031929;

1938−59; 1964–69 Commemorative material on Sir Roger Casement, mainly relating to the production of various publications. Includes:− typescript account of events following Casement’s landing (15 July 1938, 2pp);− correspondence between Dr. Herbert Spencer Dickey, Florida, and Joseph McGarrity, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on gaining access to documents for Dr. Dickey’s proposed book on Sir Roger Casement. Also encloses an outline of the book Casement the Liberator by Dr. Dickey who knew Casement and assisted him in connection with the ‘Putumayo investigation’ (3 & 9 October 1938, 3 items); − pamphlet entitled Passages Taken From the Manuscript Written by Roger Casement in the Condemned Cell at Pentonville Prison being a short memoir by Fr. James McCarroll, ‘printed for private circulation among the friends of Roger Casement’. Includes preface by Herbert O. Mackey (January 1950, 7pp);− typescript copy extracts from the last letter of Casement written in Pentonville prison on the eve of his execution to Fr. McCarroll, copy of verse written by Casement addressed to Fr. McCarroll on 14 July 1916 and copy of formal notice of execution of Casement, posted on the gate of Pentonville prison. With handwritten note on first page ‘Rec’d from Dr. Mackey 39 Fitzwilliam Square Oct 29 1945. Orig[inal] copies in official file’ (n.d., 4pp). [Fr. McCarroll was a curate of Fr. Thomas Carey, chaplain to Pentonville prison]; − pamphlet headed Legal Correspondence Between Mr. G. Gavan Duffy, legal advisor to Roger Casement and later President of the High Court, Dublin, and the Home Secretary, Whitehall, London, W.C., in connection with the execution of Roger Casement in Pentonville Prison, 3 August, 1916 being an extract from The Life of Roger Casement by Dr. Herbert O. Mackey (n.d., 3pp);– copy typescript text of ‘President de Valera’s Address at the Grave of Roger Casement 1 March 1966’. Autographed by de Valera (March 1966, 4pp);– copies of Éire/Ireland Bulletin of the Department of External Affairs–No.671 illustrated issue commemorating the centenary of the birth of Roger Casement (1 September 1964, 8pp) and No. 731 containing an illustrated article entitled Casement’s Last Voyage–The ‘Aud’ and U-19(15 March 1966, 12pp);– black and white photograph presented to President de Valera by the Limerick Roger Casement Commemoration Committee. Photo shows Mrs. Mary McInerney-Spillane; Dr. Herbert O. Mackey; Comdt. David Dundon, 2nd Battalion, ‘Mid-Limerick Brigade, Old I.R.A. President’; Tadhg Smalle, Chairman; Rory [?], Secretary; Eamon Dore ‘1916 Veteran’ and ‘Captain Frank Parker, O.N.E. Limerick’ (November 1964, 21cm x 16cm);– correspondence, newspaper cuttings, commemorative pamphlet and programmes relating to the activities of the Banna Strand Memorial Committee. Also includes ‘Armlet for President Eamon De Valera. A Souvenir of the Ceremonies held on Good Friday 1966 in honour of Roger Casement “On lonely Banna Strand” From Tadhg Smalle, Chairman’ (18 January 1966–14 December 1968, 17 items);– holograph letter to President de Valera from Tadhg Smalle enclosing a photograph of Fred Schmitz ‘the Signals Officer of the Arms Ship–The German Aud 1916’ greeting the Lord Mayor of Limerick. Schmitz is accompanied by Tadhg Smalle. Print (21cm x 16cm) is autographed by Schmitz who requested Smalle to forward it to de Valera following their meeting ‘at Limerick Railway Station’ on 15 August 1969. Also includes acknowledgement from Marie O’Kelly (2 & 11 September 1969, 3 items).40 items3604 [1904−22];

September 1965 File of photocopied correspondence, mainly comprising holograph letters to and from Sir Roger Casement, 1904–16, and later correspondence involving family members, presented by President de Valera to the National Library of Ireland in 1965. Prefaced by copy letter (3 September 1965, 1p) sent by de Valera to Dr. Richard Hayes, Director of the National Library listing the accompanying donated documents. Also copy letters from de Valera to Dr. Eugene Mackey and Prof. Roger McHugh informing them of the donation of the Casement documents and their acknowledgements (6−16 September 1965, 4 items, 1p each). Photocopied material comprises correspondence of Sir Roger Casement (1912 − 16 July 1916) with:• Fr. Edward Murnane (written on 16 July 1916 from Pentonville prison) (2 items, 4pp);• his cousin Mrs. Gertrude Parry née Bannister (‘Gee’) and between Mrs. Parry, de Valera and Casement’s sister Mrs. Agnes Newman (‘Nina’) on their attempts to gain possession of his diaries (20 July 1916; June−July 1920, 11 items);• Alice Stopford Green, Dublin (29 August 1914, 6pp);• Poulteney Bigelow, New York (23 July−7 October 1915, 8 items);• from Theodore Roosevelt to Bainbridge Colby with reference to Casement (12 August 1914, 1p);• from John W. McGrath, Roosevelt’s secretary to Casement (19 August 1914, 1p);• [T.P.] Gill, ‘who was working with Sir Horace Plunkett in the Department of Agriculture about that time’ (11 December 1906, May & June 1914, 3 items);• [Francis] Cowper ‘who was in the British Consular Service’ (22 August & 17 September 1904, 2 items);• de Valera (14 August & 1 September 1912, 2 items, 4pp each);• ‘Mrs. O’Beirne of Tawin and to her son Dr. O’Beirne’ (16 July 1910; August & November 1912; 24 May 1913, 6 items).44 items3605[1912]–65

File of further photocopied correspondence presented by President de Valera to the National Library of Ireland in November 1965. Prefaced by copy letter to Dr. Richard Hayes, Director of the National Library from President de Valera’s Personal Secretary Marie O’Kelly enclosing the donated documents and acknowledgements from Dr. Hayes and the Library’s Council of Trustees (22 & 23 November 1965, 3 items, 1p each). Also correspondence between de Valera, Fr. Patrick Kelly C.S.S.R., Dundalk and Fr. Francis C. Nolan C.S.S.R., Clapham, London relating to the ‘Canon Ring’ account (1 September – 1 November 1965, 8 items). Photocopied material comprises:− holograph letters from Sir Roger Casement to ‘Katye’ wife of his brother Tom (25 October 191[2] & 11 June 1916, 2 items, 1p & 4pp);− holograph letter to [Kathleen O’Connell] from An tAthair Conn Ó Mongáin C.S.S.R. regarding mistakes in the article Canon Ring’s Story of Roger Casement’s End, which he gave to The Standard for publication (18 December 1941, 2pp) and attached account of the same title, based on the late Canon T.J. Ring’s recollections of the night before Roger Casement’s execution. Two versions, one handwritten, one typescript, with handwritten amendments (n.d., 8pp & 4pp). [Fr. T.J. Ring, Rector of the Church of SS. Mary and Michael, Commercial Road, received Casement into the Catholic Church and heard his confession on the night before his execution.] Also includes photocopy of article as published in The Standard under the heading Casement’s catholic Death−the full story (28 November 1941, 2pp);

P150 − letters to de Valera from Lucia Maria Reventlow and her brother Count Reventlow including the latter’s recollections of Casement in Germany and his return to Ireland (15 & 23 October 1947, 4 items).21 items 3606 [March−April 1916] Photocopies of pages from Sir Roger Casement’s diary between 17 March and 8 April 1916, describing events in Germany in the weeks before the Easter Rising. Outlines his opposition to the German plan, writing of ‘its stupendous idiocy, its fundamental falsity, its foredoomed failure’ (17 March). Details his meetings with German military officials and his attempts to persuade them to abandon their plans.132pp 36075−24 February 1936; Copy correspondence between de Valera and 28 February 1939 Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin concerning the requested repatriation of Roger Casement’s remains. The British authorities are unwilling to accede to the request because ‘...of the effect on public feeling generally of the reopening of unhappy memories’. Also attached is a carbon copy of ‘Note for Taoiseach’ and a Dáil Éireann question, Deputy Norton to the Taoiseach, on the repatriation of Casement’s remains in connection with the proposed demolition of Pentonville prison ([February 1939], 2 items, 1p each). 5 items360829 July 1953–5 July 1959; Mainly correspondence concerning Casement’s January 1966; 1973 reputation in connection with the existence and circulation of the alleged ‘Casement diaries’ and efforts to have his remains repatriated to Ireland. Includes correspondence between de Valera and:– Prime Minister Winston Churchill on de Valera’s request for the repatriation of Casement’s remains (14 & 23 October 1953, 2 items, 1p each); – Alfred Noyes and Seamus McColl on the ‘ present circulation of the alleged Casement diaries’ and methods of ‘establishing the authenticity or otherwise of the...diary material’ (13–27 March 1958, 4 items);– Fr. Felix Ryan O.F.M. on methods to clear Casement’s name (1 May 1958, 3pp).Also includes copy of confidential Department of the Taoiseach report on the question of the repatriation of Casement’s remains (November 1958, 3pp**);**

P150 Eamon de Valera Papers – correspondence between President de Valera and Kevin McDonnell [MacDonnell], London on McDonnell’s discovery that the ‘Tricolour flag that flew over the GPO during Easter Week is in the vaults of the Imperial War Museum’ and his suggestion that an official request be made for its return; and disclosures about the fabrication of the Casement diaries–‘I was informed by an ex-British Naval Intelligence source, whose name I cannot reveal, that the Casement Diaries were fabricated by his chief, Admiral Hall. He has had the matter on his conscience ever since and though he has great respect for Hall in all other ways he feels this was an evil piece of work’ (7–22 January 1966, 4 items, 1p each).20 items 3609 [5 July 1952]

Correspondence and reports on the repatriation February–September 1965 of the remains of Roger Casement to Ireland in February 1965 and their interment in Glasnevin cemetery. Includes:– copy of confidential report by E.N. Kent ‘Prison Department Division 1’ on the ‘Removal of the remains of Roger Casement’ from a grave in Pentonville prison (original dated 24 February 1965, 4pp);– Irish Department of Defence Ceremonial Order, reference number 5/1965, outlining the ‘ceremonial and other military arrangements relating to the re-interment’ (26 February 1965, 10pp);− photocopy of ‘President de Valera’s Address at the Grave of Roger Casement’ (1 March 1965, 3pp);– copy of ‘Report on the return of the remains of Roger Casement to Ireland’ produced by Seán G. Ronan, Assistant Secretary, Department of External Affairs, Andrew Ward, Principal Officer, Department of Justice and Paul J.G. Keating, Counsellor, Embassy of Ireland, London. (20 September 1965, 3 items, 29pp);– stone taken by Seán G. Ronan, Assistant Secretary, Department of External Affairs, ‘from the grave of Roger Casement at Pentonville Prison, London, at a depth of approximately 4 feet, during the exhumation of his remains’ on 22 February 1965 and given by Ronan to President de Valera on 27 February 1965 (1 item, 2cm x 5cm approx).25 items3610May 1965−April 1966 Correspondence, some in Irish, relating to the presentation to President de Valera by the Quilty family of the windscreen of the car which was sent to meet Roger Casement and which went into the sea in Kerry in 1916. The car was subsequently salvaged and repaired and used in the East Clare by-election in 1917.6 items3611April 1966, August 1967 Holograph letter (August 1967, 1p) to President de Valera from Tadhg J. Smalle, Chairman of the Limerick Roger Casement Association, enclosing a reel to reel tape recording ‘made in Tralee on Holy Thursday night 1966 by the German Commander of the submarine (U-19) and his Officer of the Watch, recalling the landing of Roger Casement & Robert Monteith. Also, the account of the crew of the Arms Ship ‘The Aud’ survivors. Present during the discussion were Dr. Herbert Mackey, Mr. De Courcy Ireland, a German Interpreter now living in Limerick, and myself. The questions are in German and the replies are in English by translation.’ Accompanied by BASF reel to reel tape, (13cm/5 inch spool, 270m/900 feet, twin track, 3 inches per second) labelled ‘To President Eamon de Valera. Souvenir of Banna Strand 1966. From Tadhg Smalle, Chairman The Limerick Roger Casement Association’. 2 items, 1p & 1 reel.