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**31 October 1914**

**Findlay to Sir Edward Grey**

Irish conspiracy with Germany

?? Copies of letters & card of Mr. Landy

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My dear Sir Edward Grey,

 I am writing a memo on the subject of the conspiracy which I reported to you by telegram. Unfortunately I cannot get it finished and copies before the departure of the bag, I am, therefore, sending in advance copies of the following papers.

 1. Copy of cypher message addressed to the German Chancellor.

 2. Copy of letter to Maximillian Harden, Editor of the “Zukunft”.

 3. Copy of a telegram written (it is affirmed) by Sir Roger Casement in pencil to James Landy, under whose name Casement is said at present to be travelling.

 I will have this card photographed and send you a facsimile. It is the only piece de conviction I have been able to obtain, directly implicating Casement, and I do not like to risk its capture or destruction by German submarines. Besides Francis Joseph Bigger, Solicitor, Ardmore, Belfast, whom I have already mentioned, a certain priest in Tyrone, referred to by Casement and others as “Hugo” is believed to be an active supporter of the movement.

 Captain Consett R.N. saw the party leave last night. The man alleged to be Casement is described as very tall, dark, heavy jaw, rather distinguished appearance. If you could cause a photo of Casement to be sent to us, Consett could doubtless identify him, though he is now clean shaved and is said to have formerly worn a beard. I hope to hear more on this subject. I have very little doubt that it is really Casement and that the story is true. What blackguards! Pray excuse this hasty scrawl.

 Believe me etc (sgd) M. de C. Findlay.

P.S. Would you kindly cause the receipt of this letter to be acknowledged by telegraph.