

## An Chartlann Náisiúnta National Archives

**Reference Code:** 2016/22/2042

Creation Dates: 8 June1986

Extent and medium: 16 pages

**Creator(s):** Department of Foreign Affairs

Accession Conditions: Open

Copyright: National Archives, Ireland. May only be

reproduced with the written permission of the

Director of the National Archives.

11 JUN 1986

Min 13 DH Con al a

Chris Mullin, 206 Brixton Road, London, S.W.9. Tel, 01-737 1173

Personal and confidential

June 8

Dear Mr. Barry,

I am writing in connection with the case of six innocent men convicted of the Birmingham pub bombings.

I was one of those responsible for the Granada Television documentary on the case which was shown last October 28. I have since written a book which is due to be published on July 14 and which goes somewhat further than the film. The book will be called "Error of Judgement" and is to be published by the London publisher, Chatto and Windus. It contains interviews with three of the four men responsible for the bombings, two of whom have given me a detailed account of what happened. All the men are now in Ireland.

I am not, of course, at liberty to reveal the identity of those responsible but the account they have given me is so detailed and carefully cross-checked that it will be very difficult for anyone to argue that the six convicted men were in any way involved.

I have already written, via the Conservative MP Sir John Farr, to the Home Secretary offering to brief him on the circumstances surrounding the interviews with the men who carried out the bombings. My purpose in writing to you is to make the same offer. I expect to be in Dublin several times in the next few weeks and, if you thought it worthwhile, I would gladly meet you to discuss this case. Alternatively we could meet when you are next in London.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Chris Mullin

Peter Barry, Foreign Minister