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13th August 1998

Dear Minister,

Seamus Ludlow, deceased

We have been asked by Mr Ludlow's family to assist them in obtaining the truth about what happened to him.

Mr Ludlow was murdered in May 1976. For 22 years his family have lived with the terrible burden imposed on them by stories that Mr Ludlow, who was not a republican, had been murdered because he had become an informer. Earlier this year information came to light which strongly suggests that, although he was murdered just over the border in Ireland, the perpetrators were four members of the UDR. We understand that these four men were arrested and questioned by the RUC earlier this year, but were released without charge.

We understand that the Commissioner of the Garda Siochana has instructed Chief Superintendent Ted Murphy of the Drugs Squad to re-investigate the murder. We further understand that there is considerable information concerning the case in the original investigation file, which has never come to light or been transmitted to the family. We have written to Chief Superintendent Murphy asking him for information about the case. In particular, we have told him that we are anxious to have sight of the original police investigation file, and any report that he has compiled on the case more recently.

We are aware that he is unlikely to disclose these documents to us of his own competence, and are writing to you in the hopes that in the interest of truth and justice you will authorise their disclosure, if not to us then to the family and their lawyers.

You will appreciate that this case raises very serious questions. The family are determined to uncover the whole truth about what happened to their relative, and they have our backing in that endeavour. They are entitled to nothing less. We hope that you will exercise your own wisdom and judgement in opening the

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books on this case at an early stage, so that proper closure can be put on it speedily, rather than the family having to spend years trying to establish the truth.

Your assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Jane Winter,
Director.

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