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- 1. Mr Bell ✓ *Good points*
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I have seen Sir Robert Armstrong's letter and Mr Stephens' note of 11 October about Mr Mallon and the UDR.

It may be relevant that Mallon's local authority constituency is not in Armagh City itself but is called Crossmore and covers Killylea, Milford, Derrynoose, Keady and Carrigatuke. It is an area which is 50% to 70% Catholic and lies South and West of Armagh City. It runs up to but does not include any part of Armagh City. While I doubt that the Irish have thought in such precise terms it is an area which might be looked at by the MOD in responding to Sir Robert Armstrong's letter. It may well be that something could be done in that area to meet the Irish request. Subject to your views I will make that point to the MOD.

We should also bear in mind that the trial of 6 UDR men for the murder of Adrian Carroll in Armagh City on 8/11/83 will take place shortly. I am sure that this is part of the reason why the Irish are so keen on concessions in Co Armagh. It also means that the concession on UDR patrolling which Mr Stephens mentions should be particularly valuable. We should not raise this with the Irish. But it is perhaps a point of which Sir Robert Armstrong should be reminded, in case they raise it.

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