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**EXTRADITION: DERMOT FINUCANE**

This simply to confirm that the Divisional Court in Dublin this morning rejected, by a 3 nil majority, the Maze escaper Dermot Finucane's appeal against extradition. We do not yet know the terms of the judgment but we shall obtain details as soon as possible. No doubt Finucane will now exercise his right to take his case to the Supreme Court; if he does so it will be many months before he is finally returned.

2. This is clearly very good news, and there would be no harm in saying so. But since the case is still sub judice we should avoid being drawn into specific comment.

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