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11 May 1990

Dear Sir

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The Government is determined to resist pressure from prisoners for segregation in Belfast Prison, and if that pressure includes the commission of offences against prison discipline those responsible will be adjudicated on under prison rules.

I am not aware that any prisoner currently undergoing punishment for such offences has been injured by prison officers. Following the damage caused to the dining hall in C Wing on 16 April all those prisoners involved were examined by a doctor and none displayed any sign of injury.

Yours faithfully


PS/MINISTER OF STATE



FROM: NOEL CORNICK
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cc PS/Secretary of State (B&L)
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MINISTER'S CASE 26-4-2: GERRY ADAMS RE HM PRISON, BELFAST

Mr Adams has joined the growing list of those who have made representations on the issue of segregation in Belfast prison. Inevitably Mr Adams goes a little further than most in alleging that a number of prisoners in Belfast prison have been injured by prison officers during the recent disturbances. This is simply not the case and the terse draft reply attached, which takes account of the recent exchange of Minutes between Sir Kenneth Bloomfield and Mr Steele, refutes this allegation, whilst emphasising that the Government is not prepared to countenance a segregated regime in the establishment.

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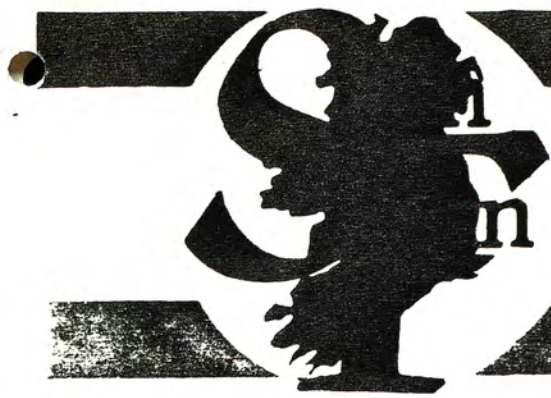
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You will be aware of the deteriorating situation in Crumlin Road Prison as a result of the administration policy of forcibly integrating loyalist and republican remand prisoners. There are presently over 80 prisoners on punishment in A and C wings of the prison.

I have been approached by the relatives of a number of these prisoners (some of whom have been injured by prison warders) who are extremely worried for the safety of the imprisoned members of their families.

The policy of forced integration is clearly illogical and a recipe for conflict. I would, therefore, urge you to end this policy.

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Gerry Adams M.P.

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