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Dear Dr Paisley

When I wrote to you on 17 August I said that I would write again as soon as I had received a report from the RUC about the unofficial ferry which had been operating between Donegal and the road leading to HMP Magilligan.

The RUC have confirmed that a ferry is in operation from the Point Road, Magilligan to Donegal. The operator of the vessel is known to local police and they do not consider that its operation constitutes a security risk to Magilligan Prison; they have however pointed out that frequent police patrols operate along this stretch of the road to provide protection for the Prison.

I am passing copies of this correspondence to the Prison Governor so that he can keep in touch with local police and pass on any concerns his officers may have. I know that the local Divisional Commander, Chief Superintendent David Turkington, would be happy to discuss the matter.

I am also passing copies of the correspondence to the Lord Brabazon of Tara, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, at the Department of Transport in London who is responsible for sea transport.

Yours sincerely  
Ian Stewart  
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(Approved by the Minister and signed in his absence by the Private Secretary)

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*Dear Dr Paisley*

Thank you for your letter of 26 July about an unofficial ferry which has been operating between Donegal and the road leading to HMP Magilligan.

I have asked the RUC for a report about this matter and I will write to you again as soon as I receive it.

*Yours sincerely*

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