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Dear Frank

KEY PERSONS PROTECTION SCHEME
COUNCILLOR BREANDÁN MacCIONNAITH, [REDACTED]
COUNCILLOR JOE DUFFY, [REDACTED]

I refer to your letter dated 31 August 1998 in which both of the above were assessed as a Level 4 threat.

The parades issue has been somewhat overshadowed by events of late and following receipt of your assessment I spoke to a senior NIO colleague on Friday last who is directly involved with discussions around the Garvaghy Road parade. He advised me the issue was still very much live and that MacCionnaith had been in touch earlier in the day to voice his concerns about his own safety. When Steven McCourt visited MacCionnaith he was particularly concerned about the circulation of a leaflet in loyalist areas of Portadown (enclosed) which made an attack both against him and his solicitor. He was also concerned about the possibility of rogue loyalists disaffected with the loyalist ceasefires targeting him and Councillor Duffy.

On the basis of Councillors MacCionnaith and Duffy's key roles in the ongoing talks to find a solution to Drumcree, I thought it best to keep you up to date with MacCionnaith's concerns, particularly with regard to the last sentence of your letter of 31 August.

Yours sincerely

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