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FROM: W K LINDSAY
Head of Police Division
12 October 1998

*No sign of any response yet
to this note. I've spoken to Ken
& he has seen and heard nothing
more from Stephen. Let sleeping
dogs...*

Mr Leach

m 23 Oct.

COUNCILLORS MacCIONNAITH AND DUFFY

We discussed how best we might approach Councillors MacCionnaith and Duffy's concerns over physical security measures at their homes, given that both do not meet the threat level criteria for entry to the Key Persons Protection Scheme. Nevertheless, you consider this an issue of sufficient importance in the context of Portadown that efforts should be made to assuage their concerns. I remain of the view that we should not attempt to act in such a way as might damage or undermine the integrity of the Scheme, simply by including them when they do not meet the criteria for entry.

We agreed that it is for Ministers to decide if it is worthwhile to protect MacCionnaith and Duffy, albeit exceptionally and outside the Scheme. As you requested, I have attached a draft submission to Ministers which covers the entry criteria to the Scheme and provides measures outside it which might be adopted. I have left it to you to add the detailed political case for Ministers in view of your involvement in the Portadown negotiations.

Should Ministers decide to approve such an approach, I will ask the RUC to recommend a package of security measures up to £[REDACTED], as set out in the draft. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] or G 115 [REDACTED] will be happy to advise on points of detail about the Scheme.

Signed

cc: Mr Watkins
Mr [REDACTED]
Mr [REDACTED]