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Chief Inspector **P 146**
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RE: Your Reference No. B147/941/97Dear Chief Inspector **P 146**

I understand from speaking to your offices today that you are the officer in charge of the Complaints Branch at Gaugh Barracks.

The above matter was previously handled by Chief Inspector Gamble.

Solicitor Rosemary Nelson was reported to be the subject to intimidation and threats emanating from Gaugh Barracks. A particular detective sergeant made disparaging statements to detainees concerning their solicitor Ms. Nelson implying that she was in some way associated with the IRA.

Most recently, the situation has become more sinister.

As I am sure you are aware, Colin Duffy was arrested in Lurgan and charged with the murder of two members of the RUC.

I can only say that the killing of these two men was reprehensible. We in America had the opportunity to see the devastation inflicted upon the constables' wives and children.

Reports indicate that the RUC has arrested the wrong man in Colin Duffy. That will have to be sorted out hopefully by an independent and responsible court.

In the meanwhile, it is reported that the interrogators of Colin Duffy refer to Ms. Nelson as a person "who condones murder" and as a front for the IRA, or words to that effect.

Such language encourages individuals to carry out assassination as witnessed by the case of Patrick Finucane, which remains unsolved.

I personally know Ms. Nelson to be an upstanding and dedicated solicitor. It seems rather cowardly for individuals to attack her, if such be the case, because she has insisted upon a fair enforcement of the law.