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Dear Ms Forest

Thank you for your letters dated 7 and 10 July which you recently faxed to the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and the Home Secretary. They have been passed to me for reply.

Mr Colin Duffy is on remand in custody charged with the murder of two police officers in Lurgan. Like all persons on remand in Northern Ireland, Mr Duffy is presumed to be innocent unless he is proved guilty beyond reasonable doubt in a court of law. The question as to his innocence or guilt is for the court to decide and it would not be right for the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland or the Home Secretary to intervene in this process.

I have asked the RUC to comment on the allegations you have made about the targeting of Mr Duffy and the threats against Ms Nelson. I shall write to you as soon as I have received their response.

I won't hold my breath!

Yours sincerely

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