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Mr. [REDACTED] RLD
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April 15, 1997

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Office of the Embassy
3100 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Advised [REDACTED] 17:00
Mr. [REDACTED] Ms. [REDACTED]

cc. M. [REDACTED]
R. [REDACTED]
A. [REDACTED]

Dear Ambassador [REDACTED]

Grateful for a left reply
on 17.00

I would like to draw your attention to the case of Ms. Rosemary Nelson, a solicitor in Northern Ireland. Ms. Nelson, and a number of other solicitors who represent Catholic clients, have been the victims of discrimination and harassment during the past several months. I urge you to consider the charges made by Ms. Nelson and request Sir Nicholas Lyell, Attorney General of Great Britain, to investigate this situation.

Ms. Nelson has indicated that she has received several threats against her life from an officer of the Royal Ulster Constabulary (RUC) stationed at the Gough Interrogation Station. Several clients have stated that, during the course of their interrogations, Ms. Nelson's life was threatened. Although these threats were not made directly to Ms. Nelson, they have been terrifying nonetheless.

Initially, Ms. Nelson believed these threats to be an attempt to intimidate her from working on behalf of various clients. As a result, she dismissed them as trivial matters which would not be acted upon. However, these threats have recently become more insistent and ominous, causing Ms. Nelson to fear for her safety.

In the interests of justice in Northern Ireland, I hope that the Attorney General will consider instituting a criminal investigation of Ms. Nelson's charges, as well as the threats received by other solicitors in similar situations. In this case, it may not be appropriate to rely upon the RUC to investigate one of its own members.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide further information.

JGJ

Sincerely,

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