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Department of the Director of Public Prosecutions
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Dear Sirs

Re: R -V- PAUL RODNEY MARC HOBSON
CRAIGAVON M C: 13-03-98

I have now received:-

1. The preliminary enquiry papers and:-
2. An initial box of disclosures.

There will be a mixed committal in this case but at this stage I am unable to advise you as to the exact number of witnesses who will be required to give evidence in person. Some will depend on further reading of the papers received to date and whether or not some of the matters contained in this letter can be dealt with by way of correspondence between my office and your office.

During the stages before my client received his PE papers there was extensive discussion between myself and the Assistant Director Mr Kitson. Some of those discussions concerned the nature of the tape recorded interviews with my client and what portions of them should be removed prior to the preparation of the final PE papers. I had certainly been of the impression that a very substantial portion of the transcript of the tape recorded interviews would be edited because it contained matters which were entirely prejudicial and without any probative basis. In addition a substantial portion also contained matters referring to two witnesses who no longer feature in either the PE papers or the disclosed documents received to date. Accordingly, these portions are clearly inadmissible.

I do not propose to go into every word or line of the interviews supplied in the PE papers but suffice to say many dozens of pages should be deleted in view of my above comments. I would also