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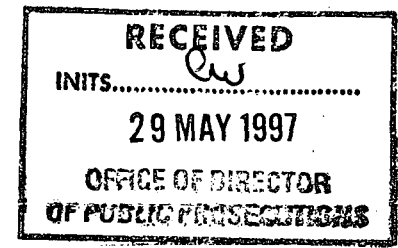
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28 May 1997

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Department of the Director
of Public Prosecutions
Royal Courts of Justice
Chichester Street
BELFAST



Dear Sir

RE: MY CLIENTS - DEAN FORBES, RORY ROBINSON,
ALASTAIR HANVEY AND MARC HOBSON
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My above-named Clients are each charged with murder arising out of the incident in Portadown Town Centre on or about 27 April, 1997 as a result of which Robert Hamill apparently died.

Several matters about this case concern me and I would be obliged if you can deal with the concerns as quickly as possible.

1. It would appear that the matter should be descheduled as clearly the incident does not arise out of the present state of emergency and has no connection whatsoever with any terrorist activities or organisations.
2. The post-mortem report should be obtained as quickly as possible and hopefully made available to the Defence thereafter. There are certainly a number of "rumours" circulating in the Portadown area as to the Deceased's state of health and possible causes of death. Obviously your Department and my Office will deal only with the actual position and it may be of the utmost importance to have the post mortem available in view of the present holding charge.
3. It appears from the interviews carried out by the Police with each of my four Clients that the only evidence against them appears to come from one or at most two witnesses who claim to recognise each of them. It also appears that this evidence was only obtained or volunteered at least 14 days or thereabouts after the incident. The question of the circumstances in which the evidence was obtained, whether or not previous inconsistent statements have been made and the reliability of the evidence are obviously matters for the Trial. However I would be obliged if some enquiries can be carried out by your Department to address these issues at a very early stage because of the seriousness of the offence and obviously the fact that these four young men are



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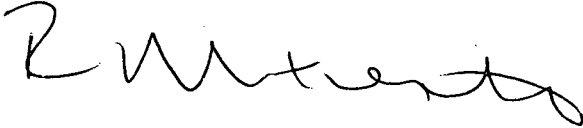
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in custody. The four accused that I appear for have generally very good records and family background.

4. My Clients have all co-operated fully with the Police to provide clothing and other samples. I trust that steps can be put in hand to have the forensic examination completed as quickly as possible and the relevant reports made available to your Office and my own. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully



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