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Dear Tom,

PROSCRIPTION OF IRISH PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ORGANISATION (IPLO)

Thank you for your letter of 6 April about the proscription of the IPLO. I have also now seen Douglas Hurd's reply of 21 April.

The police in Scotland have no intelligence to suggest that the IPLO is active in this part of the country. I therefore share Douglas' view that proscription of the IPLO in Great Britain at the moment would be difficult to justify. His suggestion that we keep the position under review and consider again if evidence emerges confirming IPLO activity on the mainland, seems eminently sensible.

Copies of this letter go to the recipients of yours.

at Hurd
Malcolm Rifkind

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