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Dear Dominick,

**NORTHERN IRELAND:
US ANTI-TERRORISM LEGISLATION**

Thank you for including this point in the Lyon briefing. As anticipated in my letter of 25 June, the Prime Minister did not raise this with President Clinton in the formal bilateral, which I have recorded separately. Unfortunately, he was also unable to find the right moment to raise it with the President in the margins of the Summit. Nevertheless I took the opportunity to speak to Tony Lake (NSC). In the context of other discussions we were having about Northern Ireland, I pressed on him the desirability of designating PIRA as a terrorist group on two separate occasions. He made no promises, but took the point, and promised to look into it further. I would be grateful if the Embassy in Washington could follow up as appropriate.

I am copying this letter to Martin Howard (Northern Ireland Office), David Redhouse (Home Office), Jan Polley (Cabinet Office) and Sir John Kerr in Washington.

Yours ever
John

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